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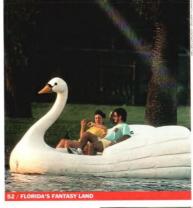
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Let's ask why

On May 9, Mobil Chairman Allen E. Murray addressed the company's Annual Stockholders' Meeting. In addition to discussing the company's business results and programs, he talked about the need for economic growth. That portion of his remarks is reprinted below.

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Their about it. The United States recently took the lead role in puting together the military coalition to and Saddarn Hussein's aggression. We came together in an outpouring of pride, patriotism and purpose to support this United Nations effort. America had the leapest troop contingent there, but it was not just a national effort. Our men and women served side by side with the armset forces of our traditional allies, as well as other Middle Eastern, European and African

nations equally determined to fight aggression.
It was a monumental worldwide effort. And it causes me to wonder why, if we can do this—if we can bring a world together in a concerted drive to put an end to something undesirable—why can't we do the same for our own problems here

at nome.

I think one of the answers is because we too often seek the short-term solution. Invariably, that means our legislators are applying adhesive bandages to wounds that require surgery. And I think one of the reasons for that is because we have so many single-issue constituencies seeking immediate solutions to problems that will continue to fester without ion-querm treatment.

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Very simply, America needs growth. A growing economy means more jobs and better leve for those in need. A growing economy means more funds available for the programs the nation wants and requires—education, drugs, the homeless, health care. A growing economy is the best source of funding for those programs and for reducing the budget deficit.

As a nation, we need to understand that it was largely economic power built up over the last few decades that enabled us to flex the military muscle we demonstrated in Desert Storm. And economic muscle will make better lives for all our people in the years ahead.

We can no longer ignore the national economy nor America's ability to compete worldwide. While we freely and openly debate the issues, we must factor into that debate the long-term impact of our actions. If we do that—and if we pull together as we did not Desert Storm—we can assure a brighter tomorrow for those coming behind—and especially those coming up the ladder.

Growth is neither a new concept, nor a dirty word. America has always been a land of growth. It gave America a standard of living that has been the envy of the world.

But we cannot maintain that growth by fostering restrictive tax policies, or other means of redistributing wealth. These add nothing to the economy. And we must not be hamstrung by shortsighted policies that add to budget deficits and reduce our ability to compete around the world.

Nor should we seek <u>unrestricted</u> growth that doesn't allow for environmental and other necessary social considerations. A better standard of living is worthless without a better quality of life. <u>We are</u> a nation of doers and we <u>can</u> make a better life for all of us.

Whether you agree with me on energy policy, or not; whether all our priorities are the same, or not; I hope we can agree on one thing: The overriding basic objective for all of us should be to come together to promote long-term economic growth for the good of the country and all its people.

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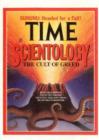
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SCIENTOLOGY

"There should be a competition among the various cults . . . 'Oh, what a spectacle this is!'"

Heather Hensley Los Angeles



Your cover story [SPECIAL REPORT, May ob was overdue. People of all ages have been taken in by this self-help program, which trips off its unsuspecting prey. Those who follow L. Ron Hubbard's philosophy of "looking within yourself" as the only hope should check their wallets often. Jim Rockett Chino. Calif.

Scientology is just another cult looking for the weak to sign over their savings. There should be a competition among the various cults to see which one can screw the unsuspecting victim out of the most money. I can hear the announcer: "There's Bhagwan's Rajnescheser unning neck and neck with Scientology. On the outside we've got Jim Jones' Kool-Aid patrol, followed closely by Charlie Manson's Angels. On, what as speciated this si?"

Heather Hensley Los Angeles

While studying in London, I was coaxed into taking a "personality test" under the supervision of a trained Scientol-

























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ogist. The results unearthed negative characteristic upon negative characteristic When I suggested that I must have one positive attribute, I was told I was too aggressive. If I did not want to deteriorate further, I was urgently to seek help. Assistance would be at hand if I purchased a book and attended some sessions.

Lucie Warrillow Athens

I'm a Scientologist, and I'm mad as hell. Your story is absurdly one-sided, distorted and vicious slander.

Tim Johnson Rosemont, Ill.

I was stunned and appalled by your lack of objectivity. I am not a Scientologist, but my daughter and her husband are. They have found Scientology to be a constant source of guidance for their businesses and their marriage, and in raising their three children. I challenge Richard Behar's contention that "in the end, money is what Scientology is all about." From my experience, Scientology's major goals are to help members become better people and to make the world a better place in which to live

Joan R Ritter Evanston, Ill.

Your inability to find anything good to say about a rapidly growing international organization with thousands of members who claim to have benefited enormously leads me to conclude that this is a case of slanted journalism for unstated motives. Mark Feldhamer

Denver

If you have a big checkbook, lots of credit cards, a rich uncle and a fat ego that needs continual stroking, then go for Scientology, the most tyrannical organization in the U.S. today.

Thomas Comwell Elmira, N.Y.

Given its consumeristic and alienating culture, it is not surprising that the U.S. has acted as a sort of Petri dish for the growth of so many greedy and dangerous cults. It's a shame that Americans are victimized by their own freedom of religion

Roy D. Eskapa London

I filled out a personality test about six years ago and was called by a Scientology center to come in for my "free" results. Six years later, I still receive 10 to 15 mailings a month. Please add useless deforestation to this cult's list of crimes.

Richard Clayton Loomis III Anaheim, Calif.

Your account will never reach those who are most desperately in need of it: the staff and active members of the church. Nearly all of them will be "discouraged" from reading the story, and the few who do will be convinced that TIME is bent on destroying the Church of Scientology with lies and innuendo. It's a pity, however, your article nowhere suggests that much of what Hubbard produced is valid and of great use in helping people change unwanted conditions in their lives.

Gerald D. French Administrative Director Institute for Research in Metapsychology

Menlo Park, Calif.

Your article confirms that initially many things seem like "cherry pie." But check for the pits before biting in! The consequences can be serious.

S. Don Swaby Salt Lake City

I have received calls from relatives of Scientologists and ex-members who are sufficiently intimidated by potential economic and emotional abuse to not want to identify themselves. One mother said that if your article only serves to deter a few people from going through what she and her daughter experienced, it will be well worth all your efforts and the angst suffered by your editors and their staff

Herbert L. Rosedale, President American Family Foundation Weston, Mass.

Why did the good Lord create sheep if not to be fleeced?

Claude Elam Fort Worth

Money Extractions

Do we really have to tolerate our government's sanctioning of the tab for presidential chief of staff John Sununu's overindulgence [NATION, May 6]? Truly, we have lost sight of a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Beverly A. Temple

Milwaukee

Our country is in peril if individuals, in order to conduct themselves in a just and moral manner, must have a law to cover every action. Is there no end to the devious lengths to which some politicians will go to extract money from the tax-paying public? Elsie Simon Trenton

We have been told ad nauseam that Sununu has a high I.Q. This mean-spirited, arrogant, unelected boor may be book smart, but everything he has done since arriving in Washington proves conclusively that he is not really very bright. Sununu should do the President and the American people a favor and resign.

Lillian A. Smart Greensboro, Md.

The whole country is eager to see Sununu get a little of his own medicine! Ellis P. Kruger La Jolla, Calif.

I gather that Sununu has palms on both sides of his hands.

William E. Blatz Old Brookville, N.Y.

What is all the fuss about Sununu's trips? Everyone does it.

> Rita Rech Mastic, N.Y.

Race and Death

After reading your article "Race and the Death Penalty" [Law, April 29], I agree that there is racial bias in the sentencing of people to death. To solve this problem, most liberals would want to abolish the death penalty and allow years of appeals, thus permitting murderers to get off the hook. I say we should make sure the white person convicted of murder gets the death penalty too. Murder is murder, no matter what color the killer or victim is. Gail Hunter

Brookfield, Wis.

In 1982, at the age of 19, I worked as a correctional officer on death row. I personally witnessed the different treatment given to black inmates and white inmates. I watched helplessly as two guards repeatedly dunked a black inmate's head in a toilet for reasons that were unclear. One officer antagonized a black inmate who was scheduled to be executed within the week by pointing his index finger at the prisoner and saying, "Bang! Bang! If it was up to me, I would shoot you now and save the state some money." Thereafter the same officer continued to "shoot" the inmate each time he walked past the cell. After four months, I quit this job in disgust. Some poor souls are going to die just because of their color.

Joe Eric Garlington Concord, Calif.

By forcing prosecutors to deal with only criminal cases supported by "hard evidence," we, as a society, have elected to err, whenever we err, on the side of having criminals in the streets instead of having the innocent in jail and executed. Thus, to criticize prosecutors for selectivity is to miss the simple point that liberty is the name of the game, not justice, conviction, reform or retribution.

John C. Brainerd Golden, Colo.

Kicking with a Steel-Tipped Boot

Finally, Texas has a real Governor again. Ann Richards has done in three months what former Governor Bill Clem-

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ents could not do in two four-year terms INATION, April 291. Richards is leading this state with great administrative skill. If she is not getting rid of unproductive agency administrators, she is pushing for major ethics legislation. In Texas this type of leadership is not easy: the Governor has limited powers and must rely on gubernatorial powers to get things done. That is exactly what Richards does

Jeffrey J. Meador Brownwood, Texas

From the current American political scene, my choice as a grandmother for my children would be Ann Richards of Texas. I want a go-getting animal for my children. Richards is doing things with a vengeance. She is kicking heads with a Texas-size steel-tipped boot.

John Williams Wheaton, Ill.

Reserved Parking

I was dismayed at the article concerning the California DISABLED PERSON placard [NATION, April 29]. I would gladly give my reserved parking space to anyone who wants it and is willing to take the artificial leg and poor circulation that go with it. Lorene A. Johnston

Columbia Station, Ohio

I have a list of disabilities as long as your arm, but to paraphrase your "Invalid Invalids" item, I can hop nimbly out of my placarded car. What I can't do is walk more than 25 ft. without extreme pain or carry a heavy bag of groceries for more than a short distance. I look great in spite of severe diabetes and many major surgeries, including a quadruple coronary bypass. I need and deserve that handicapped placard. Would you all be happier if I tried to look more helpless and dyed my hair gray, limped, shook and stumbled?

Karen W. Merreli San Jose

Weirdos, Sickos and Meanies

Pico Iyer has targeted one of the saddest features of our popular culture [Es-SAY, April 22]. Films and books routinely "entertain" us with portravals of weirdos, sickos and meanies, and tales of misdeeds by otherwise decent people. This pervasive ugliness in our recreational materials contributes to feelings of depression and powerlessness. It encourages unbalanced individuals to imitate the cruel or criminal acts they read about and view.

Mary D. Calo Kingsford, Mich.

When it comes to physical violence, most of the bad people are men, and most of their victims are women. Yet now that the media are waking up to that and art is

starting to mirror reality, some men are whining, "Hey, quit picking on us poor guys." We women can rejoice only if "patriarchal" is finally becoming an insult. We hope that the media quit picking on you poor guys only when you and your patriarchy quit picking on us in real life.

Lynn Herrick Houston

Bret Easton Ellis' book American Psycho resonates in the American psyche, not because it depicts despicable acts toward women, but because it offers a rare vent for male rage at the daily bashings men take from feminist writers. Peter Evans

Key Biscayne, Fla.

Goddess Worship

Bravo! I am elated after reading "When God Was a Woman," [RELIGION, May 6]. Ever since I graduated from Harvard University Divinity School in 1990, the idea of a female explosion in religion has excited me because for too long women have been denied the right to identify with the all-knowing and all-powerful feminine image of the divine. Unfortunately, the silent or submissive portrayal of women in traditional religions has had a profound impact on the way society views women. We cannot deny the importance of religion in shaping our culture; therefore, the time has come for women and men to recognize the existence and importance of a female deity. Carisia H. Switala

Jessup, Pa.

I totally disagree with the conclusion that "it is the gender of the deity that counts." It is about casting aside such labels and becoming one with our environment and fellow humans. To try to define it as some kind of feminist movement is not just. Robert W. Miller Jr.

Winter Park, Fla.

Gilt Complex

You have it wrong [PEOPLE, April 29]. If that deliciously plump lady Muppet is Miss Piggy, then she cannot be a sow. She should properly be called a gilt. Please correct this error in deference to all lady pigs that have not yet given birth to piglets. Perry N. Hightower

Oklahoma City

Worry over Word Reversals

I must say that the entire cost of my 20 years of subscribing to TIME was paid for by the article about Chicago neurologist Jacob Fox [INTERVIEW, April 15]. Several of my friends are coping with the heartbreak of a parent who has Alzheimer's, and now I panic when I can't remember a name or when I reverse a word. Once I burst into

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New York Cit

Rust Belt Advantage

Living in a Rust Belt town, I have see firsthand the movement of populatio from the North to the Sunbelt (Narros April 29). When the Sunbelt states run ou of something we have in abundance—water—the tide will turn. Sunbelters may tr to buy our water, but they will have to move back to the Rust Belt to get it.

Roh Jagelewsk Cleveland

Don't Use My Name

Of some 400 readers who wrote TIME about Scientology [May 6], 25% were in favor of the church, 75% opposed it, and at least 10% asked that we not print their name. Here are some of their amonymous reactions.

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eight months pregnant, I was held hostage for three hours without food until I donated \$2,000 to the Church of Scientology.

PAST LIVES: I loat two good friends to Scientology. One came to believe she was a reincarnation of Cleopatra. The other has been told she is obese because she starved to death in her past life when she led a tribe into the desert.

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AMERICAN SCENE Wallingford, Connecticut

Calypso Rocks A New England Village

South Bronx students bring steel drums, Caribbean rhythms and cultural diversity to a button-down Connecticut boarding school

By DANIEL S. LEVY

izbeth Anduiar traces a line of sheet music with a finger as her other hand lightly taps against the side of a set of white steel drums. "Try one line until you get it and then increase the speed," the diminutive eighth-grader advises Aki Shimizuishi. "Take your time, get the notes, know where they are, and then get the beat." Aki. 17, looks down at the short alto fire is a regular event. "We have people in

drums, which are cut from large "People say oil containers. He strikes a few of the notes with thin, rubber- they are from tipped metal mallets and winces the Bronx. when the tone doesn't sound quite right. "It is tough just get- stay away, ting the letters straight," he says they are as he tries to play the first bar of dangerous. When the Saints Go Marchin' In. A number of his classmates Well, they and a few of his teachers at the are not." Choate Rosemary Hall school are also struggling, hoping to

make some sense of the industrial-looking instruments, which were brought to Connecticut from the South Bronx by members of the Alexander Burger Intermediate School 139 senior steel band.

Calypso-flavored steel drumming is not the average class offering at Choate, where students dress like L.L. Bean models and carry lacrosse sticks across carefully manicured lawns. Located in Wallingford. Conn., 12 miles north of New Haven, it is the button-down boarding school boasting such notable alumni as John F. Kennedy and Glenn Close-a place of birch and magnolia trees and Colonial Revival brick buildings with white trim, intimate dormers and gilded towers.

Choate is 80 miles northeast and a world away from the Burger school, an oasis of learning located in a neighborhood of burned-out buildings, where sporadic gun-

> Mercedes and Jaguars from Connecticut and New Jersey out in front of the school buying drugs," says Tom Minicucci, the director of the senior steel band. "It is like the bazaars at Marrakesh.

Burger, one of New York City's magnet schools for the performing and creative arts, attracts talented students from outside the boundaries of the impoverished school district.

The school offers classes in drama, choral music, orchestra, dance and, of course, the steel drum.

Lizbeth and her 21 classmates from the steel band-the city's only such schoolbased musical ensemble-are in Wallingford to give a concert during Choate's Multicultural Day. Choate first became interested in the group last year when admissions director Andrew Wooden, 36, was visiting Burger to interview three potential students. "As I was walking through the hall, I heard the steel drum and was mesmerized by it," Wooden recalls. "When I got back to Choate we arranged for them to come here. This is a pretty sedate group, and the Burger kids had the place rocking.

This year's Multicultural Day was the agreed-upon time for an encore concert. Steel drumming, which originated in Trinidad in the 1940s, made a perfect offering for a day intended to expose students to other cultures. Like so many schools, Choate is actively seeking to diversify its student body, a policy that meshes well with the dreams of many minority parents who want to get their children away from the pressures of the inner city, "Thirteen years ago, it was hard to talk a kid from the Bronx into coming here," says Wooden. "Now it is easier. The areas have gotten so bad that the parents want to get their kids out of the neighborhood." Choate admitted all three Burger interviewees-two on full scholarships-and is taking one more student this coming fall. Wooden wishes his school had the financial-funds to admit more. But at \$15,900 a year, an education at Choate doesn't come cheap.

The teachers at Burger welcome admissions directors like Wooden as they actively search for good public and private high schools for their graduating students. Newly imposed budget cuts have crippled many city schools, and are especially devastating in the South Bronx, where schools are oftentimes one of the few stable parts of a child's life. "Burger is a safe haven for them," says Minicucci. "It is calm, and we offer them wonderful opportunities with the arts and music."

Burger is fortunately blessed with a dedicated staff, people like Minicucci and Terry Hofler, the drama teacher who also accompanied the class to Choate. Both have worked at Burger since 1967, and do what all good teachers do: devote themselves to their students. On the trip to Choate, Hofler and Minicucci act as chapcrones, guides and cheerleaders, preparing the students for the concert as they ease their fears. "Our kids don't realize how good they are." Hofler admits, sounding like a proud parent. Many of the students were worried about the trip and concerned about how they might fit in. "I couldn't sleep the night before," says Julio Dominguez, 15. "I dreamed the bus left without me." All that quickly changed when they arrived in Wallingford, "Five minutes after they met their hosts they were gone and they didn't know us," jokes Hofler

Each Burger student spent the two days with a corresponding Choate host. Jesus Nieves, 14, bunked in freshman Ed Dale's room. They attended classes, shot hoops, watched TV and listened to music. "People say they are from the Bronx, stay away, they are dangerous," says Natalia Roquette, 14, another of the Choate hosts. "Well, they are not. They are really nice."

AMERICAN SCENE

During Multicultural Day, students ate yams, sticky rice and postao latkes, and attended classes in Ceylonese dancing, New England cemetery markings and Cambodia's history and people. Minicucci providci the musical diversity by offering the Choate kids lessons in steel drumming. The success of last year's concert made Minicucci's class the most sought affer: 450 people signed up for the 18 slots.

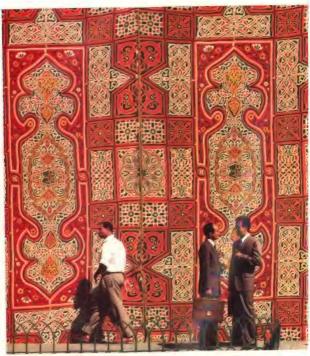
ki Shimizuishi wasn't registered for the A class. He had helped set up the stage in the gymnasium the night before, stopped by in the morning to observe the course and happily filled in when a set of drums became free. Minicucci stands up front and briefly describes the history of the drums, then demonstrates how to use the mallets. He breaks down the playing into melody, harmony and beat, and tells each player what to do. They give it a try. Slowly a tune emerges from the jumbled, tinny cacophony that reverberates throughout the gymnasium. He takes the players through their lines until they have the song down pat. They are shocked when he informs them that they will be the surprise performers during the concert later in the afternoon.

The concert is the main event of the day. Twelve hundred students, faculty members and friends fill the gym and squat on the floor as the Burger band members take the stage. "I won't know if you like it unless you make some noise," Minicucci announces as he tells the audience to move closer. The band starts with Love Is in the Air and Minicucci quickly works up a sweat as he bounces, points, claps and raises his hands to the beat of the music. The players wield their mallets in unison, pounding out a strident, pulsing beat. A number of the Choate students stand up and clap. Others follow, and some dance around as the sounds of well-known tunes like Downtown

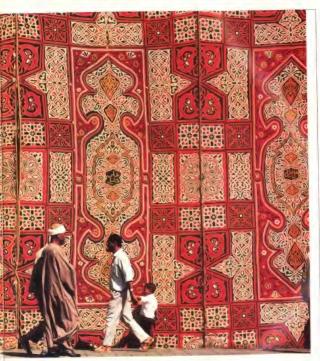
rebound off the gm walls. During the Tile Is High, a long line of students snakes around the genn. They then high-lick through New York. New York. When Minicacci calls for the 1991 Choase When Minicacci calls for the 1991 Choase yells and chants the names of various performers as they make their way to the stage for a fast-paced and well-performed rendition of When the Saints Go Marchin! "There was pressure." Shimizuish admis as he leaves the stage to the cheers of his as he leaves the stage to the cheers of his but it was fin. It went well: "

The band concludes with a rousing rendition of the Choate school song. The exhausted Burger students quickly rejoin their new friends. Some make plans for future visits. Others go off for a game of basketball, a meal in the dining hall or a final look at the campus. Minicacci and Hoffer up the cleak and prepare for the drive back to the Bronk. They are already talking about the time of the control of the control of the control of the time of their students.





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Cancel Our Reservations

Some Bush Administration insiders are acidly recounting the irony of a blunt lecture John Sununu delivered to former Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos last December. When the chief of staff summoned the ineffectual Cabinet mem-

the ineffectual Cabinet member and asked him to resign, Sununu included a few sharp comments on Cavazos travel habits. The Secretary usually took along his wife Peggy Ann, and is suspected of paying her fares with frequent-fiyer credits he earned on official business an apparent violation of federal

The Bureaucrat Has

Mexican farmers aren't usually

as militant as their northern

counterparts, but they stepped

out of character in Mexico City

earlier this month. Angered by

the government's refusal to curtail illegal timbering operations

on their land, several thousand

subsistence farmers marched

on the Agricultural Secretariat.

After snarling traffic for four

days, the campesinos assaulted

Jesús Cardeña Rodriguez, the

secretariat's director of forest

policy, as he left the building,

stripped him to his underwear

and paraded him through the

street for three hours. The pub-

fic display won the peasants a

No Clothes ...



rules requiring those honuses to be turned over to the government. The couple also preferred to travel on TWA, even when other carriers offered more direct routes. Because Cavazus's on worked for the airline, the Secretary's wife was able to fly free. Summus's heavy use of military flights earned

... And the Chancellor Needs a Laundromat

German leader Helmut Kohl, whose popularity has plunged as his countrymen have become aware of just how much unification is going to cost, is losing his patience. Walking through the shabby central square in the town of Halle earlier this month, Kohl caught the people's disaffection right in the face. Irate citizens pelted him with eggs while shouting, "Liar! The enraged Kohl, egg yolks dripping from his head and lapels, shook off security personnel and plunged into the crowd to confront the hecklers. Just as the burly Bundeskanzler was taking a swing, his guards dragged him away.



him a slap on the wrist, but Cavazos' machinations are the subject of a Justice Department criminal investigation.

Syria's Footloose Black Sheep Life in exile isn't so bad—just

ask Rifaat Assad, the fiftysomething brother of Syrian strongman Hafez Assad. Rifaat once ran a 20,000-man militia at home but was kicked out of the country in 1983 when Hafez Assad began to worry about his sibling's lust for power. Since then Rifaat has lived the lush life of a global businessman, managing millions of dollars' worth of investments in Europe and the Middle East. He visits the properties with an entourage of 20 that includes his two wives and several shapely female "secretaries," all traveling aboard two customized 727 airliners he owns. But he's not likely to visit old haunts in Damascus anytime soon. When asked about that destination, an aide shook his head and ominously drew a finger, knifelike, across his throat

It's Hard to Be Perfectly P.C.

Even when it comes to sensitivity, you can have too much of a good thing. The National Lesbian Conference last month in Atlanta was less than a ringing success, in part because conventioneers were distracted by the many "agreements" they were supposed to keep in mind. In deference to those suffering from "environmental illnesses," the NLC prohibited any perfume or clothing washed in scented soaps. The ban was enforced by a sentry wearing a surgical mask. Another guideline called for "parity" at all conference events. Thus half of all committee members had to be "leshians of color." 20% had to be lesbians with disabilities and at least 5% of the members "old leshians" (definition: "over 50 with a history of ageism activism"). In some areas, however, organizers abandoned any effort to find common ground. Because vegetarians and carnivores alike were attending the conference, no

food at all was available for



Dreaming of the Wild Blue Yonder

Even though the economy is timping along, pilot-training schools are flying high. One California flight-school administrator, noting a surge in applications, believes that "the success of the air war in the Middle hast has caught people's imaginations," Jim Havnes, president of Janelle Aviation in Leesburg, Va., says his number of applicants has quadrupled since the war. Remember when the Watergate investigation sent thousands of young Americans to journalism school?

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And P.S.: Don't Knock Gorbachev

Pity the Soviet visitor to the U.S. who is unbriefed on local customs. But Panorama, a Moscow newspaper, offers these pointers:

- Never refuse anything. Americans offer gifts only once, so modesty is a mistake.
- There is no such thing as exploitation. If you help someone with odd jobs, pocket any pay tendered—you might earn the equivalent of a year's salary in rubles after just a few days.
- If a broken VCR or answering machine is available, grab it. Soviet customs agents won't tax defective luxury items.
- Don't feel ashamed of your English. Many Americans have trouble speaking it properly themselves.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

For the past four months, Tiostehas had a special guest. Under most guests, however, he's had to to work hard during his stay, Since, he's had to work hard during his stay, Since had to February, Geoffrey Colvin, a member of the Board of Editors at Fostures, has been sitting in as editor of Tibris. Business section. His vision part of an exchange among the publications of the Time Inc. Magacier cations of the cations of the Time Inc. Magacier at stay of the stay of a taske of new environs.

Coloin has made the transition to TIME with ease and elan, overseeing the Business section during an especially busy period. Two cover staories—on the nuclear-power industry and on the Scientology cult—appeared on his watch. He edited two major stories on shady dealings at the Bank of Credit & Commerce In-

ternational as well as perceptive articles on the rebounding housing industry and on Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer.

"Two had a terrific time," cays Colvin, After 12% years at Foutivor. In admits that Trixe's different sete and approach required some adjustment. The two magazines, for example, are aimed at largely different readerships, "FORTUNE's readers are managers," he says, "while Trixe's readers are consumers."

FORTUNE

"Four months is enough time to feel like you know the job."

TIME's more heetic, weekly schedule also took some getting used to. "I'm impressed with the speed with which things happen around here." he says. His staff was equally impressed with Colvin's speed at adapting. "He handled

an unusually heavy crunch of covers and major breaking stories without missing a beat," says associate editor Janice Castro.

A native of South Dakota, Colvin, 37, majored in economics at Harvard. While still in school and just afterward, he worked as a disk jockey for classical-music radio stations. (He still puts his radio voice to good use, as a commentator on business for cas Radio.) Colvin spent three years as a ghostwriter for CBS Inc. chairman William S. Paley's autobiography. As It Happened, before joining FORTUNE as a reporter. An editor there since 1984, he has worked on virtually every kind of story the magazine covers, though his primary responsibility is the Managing section.

As his TIMI assignment nears an end, Colvin is not leaving without some regrets. Says he: "Four months is enough time to feel like you know the job." It was enough time for us to feel like we know the guest—and to realize that we'll miss him.

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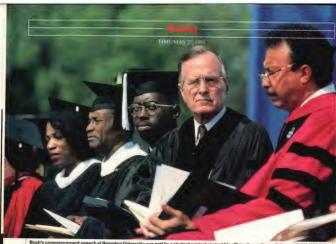
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Bush's commencement speech at Hampton University was met by a student protest against his affirmative-action policies

Quota Quagmire

While racial tensions are rising in the country, Washington politicians are bogged down in a rancorous dispute over a new civil rights bill The key aim of the bill, which is sched-

By PRISCILLA PAINTON

ere are examples of what passes these days for communication across the color line: In l'amarac. Fla., a 20-year-old black cook was questioned by police for 45 minutes after officials at the bank where he wanted to open an account reported that he planned to rob it. In New York City a rumor that a soft drink sold in poor neighborhoods had been secretly manufactured by the Ku Klux Klan to make blacks sterile worked so well that sales plummeted 70%. And a University of Chicago survey of racial attitudes found that 3 out of 4 whites believe black and Hispanic people are more likely than whites to be lazy, less intelligent, less patriotic and more prone to violence

These are among the signs that blacks and whites are still talking past each other, that the nation could stand to pause and have a long, constructive conversation about race. Instead, the political establishment in Washington has transformed what should be a serious discussion about civil rights legislation into a festival of sophistry.

Last week the verbal posturing gave way to desperate, eleventh-hour arm-twisting and compromises, as House Democratic leaders scrambled to find the votes they need to override a possible presidential veto. It was a spectacle the Republicans enjoved. "The Democrats are not going to get the votes they need, and that will finish off civil rights for this year," crowed G.O.P. whip Newt Gingrich. Privately, civil rights lobbyists acknowledged that Gingrich was right.

uled to reach the House floor this week, is to make it easier for minorities and women to sue against "unintentional" employment discrimination, such as a hiring exam that may look fair but has the effect of keeping out members of some groups. The White House and congressional Republicans claim that the Democratic bill would go too far, encouraging the use of racial hiring quotas, subjecting white males to "reverse discrimination" and rewarding more lawyers with more money. Democrats reply that the White House alternative does not go far enough, and would make victims of discrimination jump through hoops to prove they are victims.

A central issue is who should bear the "burden of proof" when a worker comHave affirmativeaction programs helped blacks get better job opportunities?

WHITES ELADIS Helped 52% 45% Hurt 10% 5%

28% 41% difference

Do we need more government efforts to help blacks get better job opportunities, are existing programs adequate, or do they

WHITES BLACKS More programs 19% 58% Adequate 41% 23%

31% 13%

go too far?

Go too far

plains that a company discriminates in its | hiring and promotions. Until two years ago, it was up to the employer to show the "business necessity" of practices that have a "disparate impact" on minorities. Under that standard, plaintiffs were not required to prove that an employer had deliberately set out to be unfair to minorities; statistics showing that qualified minorities were underrepresented in a company's work force or had been consistently denied promotions were enough to make the case

But in a 1989 case called Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio. the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was up to complaining workers to prove a lack of "business necessity" for such practices. Statistics were no longer enough; lawyers in effect had to read employers' minds to demonstrate that they had consciously planned to favor whites

Both Republicans and Democrats want the decision reversed, a remarkable consensus that should have yielded a law by now. But the Republicans have turned the legislative battle into the opening round of the 1992 election campaign, and the Democrats are fumbling for a way to counterattack. Despite the fact that there are no truly significant differences between the competing proposals, the debate has sunk to the realm of the picayune. While Democrats use language like "significant relaHave job opportunities for blacks become better in the past five years?

WHITES BUACKS Better 39% 22% Worse Haven't 37%

changed

Do affirmativeaction programs for blacks sometimes discriminate against whites? If "yes," does this happen a lot or only sometimes?

WHITES BLACKS 17% 44% Yes, a lot Sometimes 68% 42%

tionship to the successful performance on the job," for example, the Republicans want to say "a manifest relationship to the employment in question."

the Democrats with the dread word quota. George Bush's private polls have underscored the lesson North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms delivered in his ugly finale against black Democrat Harvey Gantt last Novemher-that wavering white Democrats will scurry into the G.O.P. camp at the mere suggestion that blacks deserve special treatment to compensate for centuries of bigotry. A last-minute weapon in Helms arsenal was a TV spot showing white hands holding a job-rejection slip, while a narrator intoned. "You needed that job, and you were the best qualified. But it had to go to a minority because of a racial quota." Helms

Bush has not shied away from exploiting the issue. When he vetoed a similar civil rights bill last year, he talked about the "destructive force" of quotas in the same warrior tones Ronald Reagan once hurled against the "evil empire. Although the Democratic bill explicitly discourages the use of quotas, the Republicans argue that the idea is clearly implied in that version. They say that if the bill becomes law, companies will try to "inoculate" themselves against discrimination suits by quietly trying to match the percentage of blacks on the payroll with the percentage of blacks in the local labor market. Though Republicans say that would be unfair to whites, the Federal Government does it every day. In fact. Bush's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs uses precisely the same standard to determine whether corment are complying with laws against discrimination

Some White House officials, however. are so determined to keep quotas alive as a political issue that they have interfered with efforts to reach a compromise. Last month chief of staff John Sununu and counsel C. Boyden Gray put pressure on members of a group of top corporate executives called the Business Roundtable, who were trying to forge an agreement on the bill, to break off their talks with civil rights leaders. The two Bush aides also criticized the Roundtable's involvement at a White House meeting with representatives of small businesses who oppose the bill. That was the last straw for Robert C. Allen. chairman and chief executive officer of AT&T who had initiated the negotiations. He withdrew on April 19, taking with him the influence and good intentions of the 200)-member organization.

The Democrats, in the meantime, have gone into contortions to keep the bill from appearing to be about skin color. In their attempts to get backing for their version. they have called it a "job opportunities bill" or a bill "for all working Americans. But their main effort has been a campaign to stress that women could be the major beneficiaries. To attract support from the 43% of the population that is both white and female, they have included a provision that would allow women who are discriminated against to sue in federal court for an unlimited amount; under current law, only vietums of racial discrimination have that right.

The proposal made uneasy conservative Democrats even more uneasy. So last week House leaders accepted a limit of \$150,000 on jury awards to female plaintiffs. Though that might attract more conservative supporters, it alienated the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues and many of their allies in the civil rights community. Says Ed Dorn, an analyst at the Brookings Institution. "The strategy on the issue this year has been exceedingly awkward and poorly planned."

In the Senate there has been no strateas because there has been no bill. Democrats there have reason to be skittish. Of the 35 Senators up for re-election in 1992. 19 are Democrats and 11 of them are freshmen. Five are from the South, where they need both white and black support to win and where a vote on a civil rights law is sure to offend one group or the other

The problem of how to reconcile blacks

and working-class whites, once the backbone of the Democratic Party, is compounded by the recession. "People are feeling very vulnerable in their job situasays Democratic Congressman Timothy Penny of Minnesota. "Quotas mean jobs for some and pink slips for others." The racial split so torments Democrats that it has overshadowed every other issue. At a meeting in Cleveland earlier this month, members of the moderate Democratic Leadership Council spent most of the time wrangling over the phrase "We oppose discrimination of any kind-including quotas." Warned Paul Tsongas, the former Massachusetts Senator who is the only declared Democratic candidate for President: "We must tread lightly here. These are our family jewels. If we diseard them, we will wander into the wilderness with those who have no moral purpose." But others, like Ron Gamble, a state representative from Pennsylvania, said the word could cost the party the next presidential election. "If we have to appeare this interest group or that interest group," he said. "we will leave Cleveland as losers." The inelegant compromise left everyone dissatisfied, and party chairman Ron Brown felt the need to remind his fellow Democrats to turn their fire on the Republicans.

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Despite these inequities, some blacks have turned their attention away from Washington-to the deteriorating innercity neighborhoods-and concluded that the semantic dueling in Washington is beside the point. "If Congress passed their version of the civil rights bill tomorrow. would things be all right in black America?" asks Charles R. Stith, founder of the Boston-based Organization for a New Equality, a six-year-old civil rights group. "The answer is no. It's a solution to a political problem. The problem we now face is fundamentally an economic problem." From that perspective, it does not matter whether the current bill passes, since neither version would help a single crack addiet kick the habit, persuade a youngster to stay in school or give an unwed mother the training she needs to get a job. Reported by Laurence I. Barrett and Nancy Traver/Washinston

and Sylvester Monroe/Los Angeles

Does Affirmative Action Help or Hurt?

Black conservatives say their people become addicted to racial preferences instead of hard work

By SYLVESTER MONROE LOS ANGELES

or Mignon Williams, 42. a black marketing executive in Rochester, N.Y., affirmative action means opportunity. Recruited by Xerox Corp. in 1977 under a pioneering plan to hire women and minorities. Williams rose from alleswoman to division vice president in

Smith contends, however, that gender and race have not opened doors for him but shut them. He has been denied promotion to sergeant so that Hispanies and females who scored lower on exams could be given the higher-ranking positions set aside for those groups. He warries that even if he is promoted, the achievement may be so tainted by affirmative action that he will be



The professor talking with students at San Jose State University

just 13 years. While Williams attributes her success mainly to hard work and business savey, she acknowledges that her race and her sex played a role in her rapid rise. Aftirmative action, sike says, "opened the door, but it's not a free pass. If anything, you feel like you're under a microscope and have to constantly prove yourself by overachieving and never missing the mark."

For Roy V. Smith. 40, a black 18-year vectors of the Chicago police force, affirmative action means frustration. Since 1973, court-ordered hiring quotas and the aggressive recruitment of minorities have expanded black representation on the 12,0043-member force from 16% to 24%. "Blacks now stand to lose more from affirmative action than they gain."

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perceived as a "quota sergeant." Last fall he joined a reverse-discrimination lawsuit against the city of Chicago by 3.13 police of-ficers, mostly white. "I am not anti-affirmative action," he says. "I am just against the way, it is being used. It's something that started out good and now has gotten out of hand."

Williams and Smith reflect an interessnigly actimonists debate among African Americans about the effectiveness and destrability of allimative action. On one side of the argument, a small but widely publiciced group of back neconservatives contends that efforts to combat racial discrimination through quotas, racially weighted tests and other techniques have poxchologically handicapped blacks by making them dependent on racial-preference programs rather than their own hard work.

Shelby Steele, an English professor at California's San Jose State University, has emerged as the most eloquent proponent of this view. He asserts that affirmative action has reinforced a self-defeating sense of victimization among blacks by encouraging them to pin their failures on white racism instead of their own shortcomings. Says he: "Blacks now stand to lose more from affirmative action than they gain."

On the other side, the heads of civil rights organizations—and most African

"There snothing new in the statement that year and should do must for numerbes," ass. John Jacob, president of the National Urban League. "It's not a debtable issue." But, asy supporters of affirmative action, expecting blacks to pull themselves up by their bootstraps alone is unrealistic, Argues Benjamin, I. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; "It's still the responsibility of the government to provide a good school system for us and

fair and equal access to jobs."

Adding romy to the dispute is an often overlooked fact: government efforts to 'level the playing field' by giring blacks special treatment were first adopted not by hacksor white liberals, but by conservative Republicans. In 1959 then-Vice President Fisanhower's Committee on Contracts, recommended limited "preferential" treatment for qualified blacks seeking jobs with government contractors. Following up that

al Government. In 1971 Nixon's Labor Department started the Philadelphia Plan. a quota system that required federal contractors in Philadelphia, and later Washington, to employ a fixed number of minorities.

minorities.
Such efforts have vastly expanded job opportunities for blacks. But fley have also toached off complaints from many whites that blacks are without the most offer and the source of the major is missed as so-called race norming, in which scores on employment-apitude tests are ranked on different racial curves. Whites usually soorle higher on such examinations than blacks and Hispanies. To be ranked on the top 99% of applicants on one widely used test, for example, a white applicant must score 48% out of a possible 50% points, and the such as the such as

Even the strongest black advocates of altimative action convole that is a not a perfect tool. Like Steele, they deep the widespread view among whites that stream! yall blacks who are hired, promoted or gain admission to elite colleges are qualified than their white counterparts. There have been casualties—minority kilds who are depressed or feeling incompetent because of the stigma." says socialogal frop Daster of the University of Calitic states of the Control of the College students also complained to him." I feel like These wife stronger and the Control of California that the College students who complained to him." I feel like The College that th

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Faced with white opposition and their own misgivings about affirmative action, a growing number of blacks would prefer to moot the argument by expanding opportunities for all Americans, whatever their color. They believe that instead of fighting for a fair share of the crumbs from a shrinking economic pie, blacks should concentrate their energy on making the pie big enough to guarantee a slice for everyone. That would require improving schools so that every child could obtain the skills needed to be competitive in the labor market, a thriving economy that could provide a job for everyone who wants to work, and more access to capital markets for minorities who want to start their own businesses. Meeting those tasks is more difficult than parceling out opportunities according to a racial formula, but in the long run more worthwhile.



"There's nothing new in the statement that we can and should do more for ourselves."

JOHN JACO

Americans—insist that racial discrimination is so entrenched at all levels of U.S. socitety that only affirmative action can overcome it. They charge that Steele and other crities greatly understate white resistance to black progress. To support their view, they note that self-reliance has long been a part of the black gospel for advancement.

The head of the National Urban League in his New York City office

recommendation, John F. Kennedy issued an Executive Order in 1961 calling for "affirmative action" as the means to promote equal opportunity for racial minorities in hiring by federal contractors—the first official use by the government of the now controversial term.

light years later. Nixon. as President, beefed up the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, which, along with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has become one of the government's two main enforcers of affirmative action policy. It oversees 225,000 companies, with a combined work force of 28 million, that do business with the Federal



When in Doubt, Obfuscate

Ted Kennedy's handling of the Palm Beach rape case echoes an old pattern of recklessness, evasion and irresponsibility

By MARGARET CARLSON

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This strategy was so successful that Senator Edward Kennedy managed to keep his seat in Congress and even run a plausible campaign for the presidency after Chappaquiddiek. The Kennedy approach is at work again in the investigation by Palm Beach police into charges that William Kennedy Smith raped a young woman on the grounds of the Kennedy estate during Easter weekers.

The 1,300 pages of official documents released last week show that the Senator initially stonewalfed the police and that neither he nor his son Patrick, 23, a Rhode Island legislator, was truthful about what he knew and when he knew it. The first lie was told when the police showed up at the Kennedy home while the family was pre-

paring for lunch, shortly after 1 pm. Sunday, William Barry, a former in agentwho was a guest for the weekend, answered the door and told the officers that the Senator was not there and that his nephes might was not there and that his nephes might were at the house. In face, both mon were at the house. In face, both mon were at the house. In face, both more conferred in the kicken right after the police left. Police say that when they planned and hour later, a housekeeper told them Barry had taken the Senator and Smith to until the next day.

Kennedy maintained that he did not know any rape allegations had been made against his nephese until after he returned to Washington. He later conceded that "Barry indicated to me that he had a call of or me from the police." but the Senator never called the investigators back. He did, however, my to call Maint defense attorhowever, the call Maint defense attorhowever, the call Maint defense attorney. The properties of the contraction of the contraction of the major of the contraction of the contra

In getting Smith a lawyer, Kennedy acted like any concerned uncle, But in other waxs his actions were reckless and irresponsible. It was Kennedy who roused his son and nephew from a sound sleep on Good Friday night to ask, according to the Senator's own

deposition, "if they wanted to have a couple of beers." The three men then set out for Au Bar, Palm Beach's hottest club, thus setting in motion the chain of events that ended with the alleged rape. There they met the 29-year-old woman who later accused Smith, and Michele Cassone, 27.

Eventually, the five revelers returned to the Kennedy estate. What happened there is in dispute. According to the victim's deposition. Smith invited her to walk on the beach with him and then, as she attempted to leave, raped her by the pool, Smith refused to give police a statement. but Barry's son says he briefly saw two people lying on the lawn-which may raise some doubt as to whether force was used. Sometime between two and four in the morning. Cassone decided to leave. The victim, meanwhile, called a friend to pick her up. The next morning, according to Patrick's deposition, Smith told him that he had had sex with the woman.

O nee the depositions were made public last week. Kennedy altered his explanation again, saving his failure to call back the police in Palm Beach was a "semantic misunderstanding." He said he was confused because Florida, like many states, uses the term sexual battery instead of rape. Yet the Senator's puzzling words and deeds have given the incident a new and troubling dimension: whatever judgment is ultimately passed on William Smith, Kennedy and others from his household may face obstruction-of-justice charges for misleading police. That would be a novel situation, for facing up to consequences is one thing that has not been part of the Ted Kennedy tradition.



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Speak Softly and Carry A Big Hatchet

Faced with a fiscal crisis, Dinkins attacks New York City's \$3.5 billion shortfall with a draconian slash-and-tax budget, but his rebellious council has other ideas

By BONNIE ANGELO NEW YORK

here is no shortage of alarmist language to describe the fiscal vise that is crunching New York City. Disastrous, drastic, cataclysmic, catastrophic are some of the terms that Mayor David Dinkins, Governor Mario Cuomo and legions of curbstone commentators have used in recent weeks. The town that likes to think of

itself as the capital of the universe is, in a word, broke. Within days there may be no money to pay its 243,000 employees, and on the horizon there is only more red ink and pain. In 1975 the city pulled itself up from a similar fate, but this time. officials insist, the situation is even worse. The recession -added to the high costs of dealing with the rise in drugs and crime, homelessness and the AIDS epidemic-has aggravated already overwhelming urban problems.

Seeking to close a \$3.5 billion gap in the city's \$28.7 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Mayor Dinkins has proposed un-\$1 billion in tax increases and the elimination of 27,000 jobs. In an exereise of political brinkmanship, the mayor has targeted many worthy projects. He would slash education by \$579 million, which means fewer teachers and larger classes-even as enrollment leaps by 18,000 this year. He has marked 10 homeless shelters for closing. With tears in his eyes. Dinkins announced cuts in the infant-mortality program.

The list of threatened programs goes on and on-and every agency and special-interest group in the city is crying out in protest, "If Dinkins is using these programs as bargaining chips, it is a cynical and irresponsible position, says Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless.

What Dinkins calls "doomsday" comes on May 25. It by that date New York State's legislature does not enact a budget, which is already seven weeks late, the city will have no operating funds and its credit rating will probably be dropped below the A currently given by Standard & Poor's. That could add millions of dollars to the city's interest payments when \$600 million in bonds goes on the market June 4.

No matter what the state legislature does, Dinkins is headed for a showdown with his own city council. The council favors a different budgetary approach, based on \$639 million in new taxes instead of the mayor's \$1 billion. In addition, council members want to

TARGETED FOR CUTS



The sanitation department is trashed, taking 2,000 jobs from the littered streets. Recycling is postponed for a year, and rat control is cut back. Consulates and nonprofit organizations will soon have to pay for their garbage pickup.



One out of four streetlights will be doused, although the number of robberies rose 7.4% in 1990. In an exception to relentless cuts, 600 police will be added, a reminder that Mayor Dinkins came into office promising a tough law-and-order policy.



The newly renovated Central Park Zoo, an endangered species, may be saved by a private donor. Thirty-two swimming pools will be dry, and miles of beaches will post NO SWIMMING signs, as the parks department takes the biggest budget hit.



Reading between the lions will be harder: New York Public Library will be forced to reduce service and close dozens of branches, Museums and city-aided performing arts must also shrink their programs.

pare down the city's overgrown bureaucracy. targeting 14 agencies and offices for elimination or transfer of functions. In dealing with unions, the council would tie wage settlements to productivity, an innovative idea in a city where unions still have clout. Says council speaker Peter Vallone: "The days of tax and spending are over, not just in New York City but everywhere." The city council also opposes the heavy increase in real estate tax-

es that Dinkins is seeking, "Business and residents would flee," Vallone warns

Evidence of bureaucratic bulge is larded throughout the entrenched establishment that serves the five boroughs. City comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman notes that 50,000 jobs were added in the '80s. "when times were flusher." According to the Census Bureau, the city has 575 employees per 10,000 residents, in contrast to 344 in San Francisco and 146 in Chicago. (Only Washington, with 788, is more bloated.)

Dinkins claims he inherited much of his fiscal problem from his predecessor, Back in 1981, federal aid made up 17.9% of the city's budget; now it is only 9.3%, which translates into a difference of \$1.2 billion. Moreover, revenues have fallen steeply since the stockmarket crash of October 1987. But this does not shield Dinkins, a gentle and well-liked man, from criticism that he failed to act more decisively when he saw the storm brewing. He is faulted in particular for giving in to the teachers' demand for a 5.5% raise, setting off similar demands from other unions. Council president Andrew Stein, who has an eve on the mayor's job, grumbles that Dinkins' painful measures are "an attempt to put pressure on the unions and set the stage for big tax increases. It is all too late and too risky." In spite of the sharp divisions between the mayor and his critics. however, both sides agree on two fundamental points: a budget will he passed, and some way must be found to keep the city functioning. With reporting by Kathleen Adams/

New York

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CURRENCY Foiling the **Fakers**

With the advent of sophisticated color copiers, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is nervous about high-tech counterfeiting. Last year alone, officials seized 566 million in bogus money. To foil would-be counterfeiters, the bureau is gearing up to print new bills, the first major change in U.S. paper currency since 1929.

The modified money will contain a polyester filament imprinted with minuscule letter-

ing and running from the top of the bill to the bottom. The thread on a \$100 bill, for example, will bear the lettering USA 100 Visible only if held up to direct light, the thread cannot be duplicated by copiers, which use reflected light. The new currency will also contain microengravings around the portrait. First to be circulated will be the \$100 denomination, which should appear by late summer. The bureau is starting with big bills, says spokesman Ira Polikoff, "because those are the most susceptible to counterfeiting." Next on the drawing board: \$50 and \$20 bills.

The Red Tape Made Me Do It

Honesty may still be the best policy-but it is not always the one they are following out on the back forty. In a poll of readers by Farm Futures, a Minne-

sota-based agriculture magazine (circ. 205,000), more than half the respondents thought farmers' ethical standards had slipped during the past 10 years, and 30% admitted that occasionally stretched the rules. The lapses often involved cheating on income taxes and government programs. Red tape seems to be a leading cause of the ethical backsliding: 60% of those polled agreed that "it would be impossible to make

lowed all the rules and regulations made in Washington." Environmental concerns also took a back seat to economic selfinterest, says Claudia Waterloo. Farm Futures' editor in chief. "Only 70% of the farmers we surveyed said they'd notify authorities if pesticides spilled into



a living if farmers fol- How to keep 'em honest down on the farm?

SUPREME COURT

48 Hours On Ice

A person who is arrested without a warrant is entitled to a "prompt" ruling by a judge to determine whether the arrest was lawful. But what does "prompt" mean? Last week the Supreme Court held, in a 5-to-4 vote, that suspects may generally be jailed for as long as 48 hours. While the decision was in line with the court's recent law-and-order tilt, there was a surprise dissenter: conservative Justice Antonin Scalia. Arguing that a 24-hour delay was the constitutional limit. Scalia fumed, "Hereafter a law-abiding citizen wrongfully arrested may be compelled to await the grace of a Dickensian bureaucratic machine as it churns its cy-

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Her friends, suspicious of

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cials began to receive reports

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around the country. If convict-

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prison in Wisconsin alone for

Koch, who has 100 aliases,

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THE GULF WAR

Off the Hook?

U.S. taxpayers may finally have something to cheer about. Despite dire predictions, government auditors announced last week that incoming payments from foreign allies should cover most U.S. expenses for the gulf

Sean O'Keefe, the Defense Department's comptroller, told the House Budget Committee that the war and its aftermath are expected to cost \$60 billion. So far, American allies have given the U.S. \$37 billion out of \$55 billion in pledged assistance. Any difference between those contributions and actual expenses, said O'Keefe, would he paid out of the \$15 billion that Congress approved in March. But those funds may counting Office believes that the cost of the war will be lower than Pentagon estimates. If so, allied contributions should covor the whole bill.

LAW ENFORCEMENT Crimes of The Heart

Calling Robert John Koch a ladies' man is an understatement. Police say Koch, 51, is the "Sweetheart Swindler," a cunning con man who left broken hearts and empty bank accounts across the country durine 10 years of seams that involved more than 100 women. Authorities believe that Koch may be involved in fraud cases in 28 states, from California to Virginia. Says police detective Kenneth Konesky of Kenosha. Wis.: "He tells lonely women he's rich, and wines and dines them. The next thing you know,



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SOUTH AFRICA

Lay Down The Spears!

Despite De Klerk's progress in chipping away apartheid, violence among blacks threatens further reform



pears, clubs and battle cacs might seem to be totally outmoded weapons in an age of laser-guided bombs. But in South Africa they retain some power—in one sense, more power than Winnie Mandela. Contrary to many expectations, it is the carrying of those supposedly "ecremonial" weapons by Zulus, not the possible jailing of Winnie Mandela, that has emerged as the chief obstacle to continuation of black-white negotations on the nation's foture.

Winnie's followers in the African National Congress, who call her Mother of the Nation, did shout outrage in her courviction has week by a white index (Sunfa Africa does not have jury trials). Mandels and two coulderdomis had been accessed of skidnapping four youngs black men from a Methodsta minster's home in Sweets in December 1888 and beating them in aback or one of the Mandels house, Judge Michael Stegman found Winnie to be only an cheel Stegman found Winnie to be unly an cheel Stegman found Winnie to be unly an other should be sentenced with the sentenced and unlike the sentenced and unlike sentenced.

her to six years in prison.

Winnie Mandela, however, is free on minimal bail—roughly \$70—and pursuing



De Klerk: Winning a postapartheid election

an appeal that could take many months be decided. Even if she losses, there is son speculation that State President E.W. of State President E.W. of Rierk will pardon her rather than jail the off bits man partner in negotiations shape a multiracial regime. That partne A.N.C. deputy president Nelson Mandel took a mild line. He expressed confident that his wife's name would eventually to entirely deared and said the would continuation to the contract of the con

But negotiations were at the breakir point anyway because of those spears an battle-axes. To the A.N.C., at least, the have come to symbolize the black-vs.-blat violence that has been tearing the nation





The Dismantling of Apartheid's Restrictions

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- Social: All "petty apartheid" laws segregation of beaches, librarios, parks, sports teams and the like—are gone. Racial intermarriage is permitted.
- Economic: No more jobs are reserved by taw for whites. Black unions are allowed.
- Educational: White schools are allowed, though not required, to accept black pupils.
- Political: Formerly banned political parties are legalized. Many, though not all, political prisoners have been released. Laws that permitted people to be "banned"—estricted in travel, unable to speak in public or be quoted in the press—have been repealed. "Pass" laws that required blacks to carry internal passports and produce them on demand are gone.

Pending

- Land: Laws that forbid blacks to live in white areas and buy land outside tribal "homelands" are scheduled to be repealed by the end of June.
- Classification: Racial classification of everyone at birth has been abolished; classification of the existing population will continue, however, until a new constitution is adopted.
- Old Laws: Mentions of race are to be removed from statutes covering matters ranging from workmen's compensation to the use of national parks by an omnibus bill slatted for enactment soon.

Still In Place

- Voting: The big one. Blacks will not have the right to vote, hold office or join in governing the nation until negotiations produce a new constitution.
- Local: Provincial (state) and local authorities have ways of maintaining apartheid, despite national law—for example, by privatizing such facilities as campgrounds and swimming pools.

townships apart. Fighting between supporters of the predominantly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party and a.Noc. backers has claimed more than 200 lives just this month and at least 1,000 so far in 1991. Archibisop Desmond Tutt voices grief that a weekend body count of 15 dead has come to be considered hearteningly low.

A.N.C. leaders charge that white police have failed to prevent or actually fomented Zulu attacks on A.N.C. supporters, alleged by because the ruling Nationalist Party favors Inkatha as a presumably more pliable partner in a postapartheid government. So the supposedly more militant (indeed communist-allied) A.N.C. has been driven into

the ironic position of demanding that the white government protect it from its fellow blacks—starting with a ban on the Zulus "cultural" weapons. Zulus say tribal tradition requires them to carry the spears, clubs and battle-axes in public, but the A.N.C. charges that they are being used to kill its sunporters.

The A-N.E. gave the government until last Wednesday to outlaw the weapons. But De Klerk would not go beyond a meck compromise offer, allowing the weapons to be carried only on genuinely ceremonial occasions. Rather than let yet another dead-line—the third it has set in the past three weeks—slide by, the A-N.E. cannounced on

Saturday that it would suspend talks with De Klerk on a new constitution until he made "progress" in meeting its demands. The A.K.C. will probably also bovent an allparty peace conference called by the government for this week, but De Klerk insisted he would go ahead regardless.

Though the situation may seem to verge on farce (Suppose De Klerk gave a peace conference, and nobody came?), it is deadly serious. Continued negotiations would be unlikely to accomplish much anyway until after early July, when the A.N.C. holds its first congress inside South Africa in 30 years and De Klerk finds out whom he will be dealing with next. (Mandela is virtually certain to be re-elected, but other aging leaders who have operated for decades in exile may be replaced by younger blacks who have grown up in the segregated townships.) Nonetheless, Archbishop Tutu warned last week that a suspension of the negotiations now would almost certainly lead to still greater violence, which in turn would make it more difficult than ever

to set up a new regime. For all the violence, however, rapid progress is still being made toward breaking down apartheid. The gradual easing of restrictions that began in 1982 has accelerated considerably since De Klerk took office in 1989. His government has done away with the segregation of facilities, such as public parks and government hospitals-the last statutory vestiges of so-called petty apartheid-lifted the ban on the African National Congress and freed many political prisoners, most prominently Nelson Mandela. Now De Klerk is about to pull down what are generally regarded as the last remaining legal pillars of apartheid: the laws that forbid blacks to live in

Breaking down segregation: on a bus and at a school in Johannesburg

white areas or own land outside their tribal homelands and require that every South African be classified by race at birth. All are scheduled to be repealed by the white parliament before it concludes its term at the end of June.

That, of course, does not mean apartheid will then cease to exist. The legal structure built up over more than 40 years cannot be demolished quite that quickly, and provincial and local governments have ways of maintaining segregation even when it is no longer required by federal when it is no longer required by federal over to group the control of the control for the use of libraries that whites can uffort and most blacks cannot.

Overshadowing everything else by far is the problem of framing a new constitution that would finally empower blacks to vote, hold office and share in governing the nation. Major differences remain, but De Klerk's government and Mandela's A.N.C. have already agreed on some important ideas. The document, for example, must contain a bill of rights and set up a twochamber legislature with some form of proportional representation. De Klerk reportedly told British Prime Minister John Major on a visit to London early in May that a constitution could be in effect and elections held in two to five years.

ome U.S. experts fear that De Klerk is endangering this timetable by "hacksliding," seeking
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between his government and the A.N.C.

According to British sources. De Klerk also confided to Major that he expected some whites to emigrate to Canada, Australia or New Zealand rather than live in a state

with a newly empowered black majority. Simultaneously, though, he has specially publicly about winning an eventual multir cial election by putting together a coalitie of the National Parry, Inkatha and perhaj some other moderate-to-conservative black groups that could reap a substantial shares the black vote, and an overwhelming majo live of whites.

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The Mandelas: True and Loyal

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As much as anything else, what entwines them is the cause that has impelled both of them to sacrifice so much of what a marriage ought to be." It knew when I married thin that I married the struggle, the fiberation of my people," says Winnie in



The couple: strengthened by separation

her 1984 autobiography. Over the years, however, Winnie became something of a loose cannon, detonating one major political explosion after another

Although she claims to have been misquoted, in 1986 she embarrassed the then banned African National Congress with a speech encouraging blacks to seek freedom "with our boxes of matches and our necklaces"-a reference to a grisly form of execution carried out by lighting gasoline-filled tires around the necks of suspected government collaborators. She surrounded herself with a group of young bodyguard thugs known as the Mandela United Football Team who took it upon themselves to terrorize opponents-real or imagined-in the black township of Soweto. Increasingly imperious, Winnie was denounced in 1989 by other black leaders for having "violated human rights ... in the

name of the struggle against apartheid." She visited Nelson in prison shortly afterward, and though it is not known what he told her, a chastened Winnie immediately lowered her profile.

Ever the careful lawyer. Nelson sourced last week, not to be Winnie's convoicion undermine the lask of reconcelling. South Africa's whites and blacks. In a speech to white students south Africa's whites and blacks. In a speech to white students south the courts. That is not to say he intends to do the same thing the courts. That is not to say he intends to do the same thing personally. As he total his a.s.e. collegues at the start of the trial earlier this year, "My wife has been true and logal to me over the last 27 years in which I've been imprisoned. I was sun-able to give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection. I'm now here, and I'm ready to a give her than protection and the same her than the normal protection and th

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There Must Be a Better Way

With famine, floods and refugees demanding attention, providers of emergency aid think the time is ripe for change

By JAMES WALSH

A few days after the latest eyclone rouged Bangladesh, Morther Teress, arrived from Calcuttu with 1,800 lbs. of re-fie supplies. It took a day for officials in Dhaka to decide how to deal with her. Since the Nobel Peace laureate had flown in on a commercial flight, some officials argued that the materials needed to go through customs. About a month earlier, when Iraqi Korths began fleeing or masse from Saddam Hussein's soldiers, the Irania army struggled to cope with flowsands.

of dying children. They were treated with antibiotics instead of rehydration salts, a more effective means of staving off life-threaten-

ing diarrhea.

Improvements in communications and transportation have made the world's disasters no casier to handle. Even with better warning systems, reactions can be snail-paced, ill-considered and futile. The first days following a catastronhe are the most critical for survivors. The demand for speed, however, is precisely what the world's complex disaster-relief network is not geared to meet. Says Nicholas Hinton, director general of Britain's Save the Children Fund: "Disaster relief is proving to be inadequate and ineffective. It should be reformed as a matter of urgency.

But how? Major powers such as the U.S. are reluctant to take on the duty, let alone the cost, of intervening unilaterally. Should the United Nations assume the

chore! In the wake of more than 3,000 kmrds heaths, and perhaps as many as 140,000 killed in Bangladesh's April 30 storm, many reformers pin their hopes on the organization. "Only the U.N. has the maintained community, but too often is been humarturing by a lack of clear feathship and coordination," argues 24 steps and 10 kmrds hopes of the control of the control

Even though the U.N. is theoretically above politics, reformers are far from unanimous about using it. The track record is not encouraging. Notes François Dumaine, a logistics expert for the French volunteer

medical team Medecins sams Frontieres." It dakes the U.N. amonth and some times longer to organize roscue operations." Addis Serge Telle, a technical subsets of France's Secretury of State for Humanitarian Affairs. Bermard Kouchner. "The U.N. relied agencies are plagued with chronic financial difficulties because of the Wes's indifference. On the one hand, see say everything has togo frought the U.N. on the other, we settle eveerythings at the bilateral level."

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ed to handling emergencies: the High Commissioner for Refugees, for instance,

vegetation, he adds. Washington pre-positioned 30,000 tons of supplies before the famine last year in the Sudan. But the U.S. budgeted just \$10 million

for disaster detection and preparation this year, while private charities are being whipsawed by conflicting demands. Says Marcus Thompson, Oxfam's emergencies director: "We are going flat out everywhere." What about a multinational force independent of the U.N.? The belated but effective intervention in Bangladesh by 12,000 U.S. soldiers suggests that a military-style operation might be the answer. In the Washington Post, columnist Jim Hoagland called on the U.S. to use its armed forces for other emergencies in the future. Yet developing countries often balk at U.S. intervention. On the other hand, a reserve multinational rapiddeployment force headed by Japan and with standby units in other nations might be more acceptable.



intervening unilaterally. Should U.S. troops providing a lifeline to the luckless Kurds: Is a military-style reserve force the answer?

and the Disaster Relief Coordinator's office. But the criteria of the former confine it to aiding persecution victims who cross borders, while the latter commands few resources and little authority. Officials in alflicted nations often bypass the U.N. and appeal directly to foreign governments and private charities such as Britan's Oxfam.

Help at this level can be generous, and adjuging countries have notably eased some disasters. Andrew Natsios, director of foreign disaster assistance for the U.S. Agency for International Development, says as many as 50,000 Hongladeshis were saved this time, thanks to a U.S.-huift cyclic concevaring system. Natsional conference of the control of the

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Some Japanese officials are leaning toward using their military in disaster relief. Says Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama: "The Ground Self-Defense Force has many transport helicopters available, as well as technical units trained in disaster recovery operations. We should debate this." Yoshiaki Nemoto, a Japanese Red Cross official, agrees that the military, if forbidden to wage war abroad, could be used to better purpose. "The gull war provided a rare chance for the Japanese to face the issue and make a step forward," says Nemoto. At present Tokyo tends to resist the idea as unrealistic. When the world is not overwhelmed by calamities. it seems, it is drowning in unrealistic ideas. Reported by Anne Constable/London



The Secretary crosses into Israel: lots of miles but not much forward progress

MIDDLE EAST

On the Bridge To Nowhere

Why the U.S. is having so much trouble bringing Arabs and Israelis to the negotiating table

By LISA BEYER

a stally, busy diplomats travel from Ammun to Jerussiem by air, but James Baker took the less traveled path last week and made the trip by road. With his two-hour drive, the Secretary of State wanted to underscore just how stee the two adversaries are. But his stroll over the Allenby Bridge spanning the River Jordan, which marks the border, made the caught Jetling point that both sides are loath to come together. The two Jordanian officers who accompanied the Secretary modifiers who accompanied the Secretary and the strong and the strong and the strong and the strong together and the source of the secretary made to the strong to the strong thave the strong the strong the strong the strong the strong the st

Baker's lonely crossing was an apt symbol for his fourth peace mission to the Middle East since the end of the gulf war. The Secretary has logged of 200 miles in two months trying to convince the Arabs and Israelis that they should just get together to talk. But his guests would not budge from positions that make a broadly unger to a United Nations presence at such agree to a United Nations presence at such attend without U.N. participation. Israel insisted that the U.S. and Soviet Union be present only for an opening assembly, then allow the Jewish state to negotiate individually with the Arab parties. Syria demanded that the third parties remain involved throughout, hoping this would make Israel more plabile.

Baker's wanderings were not completely fruitless. He did manage is squeeze out of Israel an agreement that might finesse the problem of who would represent the Palestinians in talks. Israel has refused to sit down with Palestinians from East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed in 1967, or with those, from Palestinians from East Jewith the palestinians of the Palestinian Dearth and Organization. But now the Israelis have acquiesced to a joint Jordanium-Palestinian delegation, giving rise to speculation that its members might include Palestinians living in Jordan who are originally from East Jerusalem or are linked to the

Still, that breakthrough was an enormous letdown from the high hopes generated during the gulf war. Then, the conventional wisdom held that new alliances

and new thinking might recrue an environment for making progress in settling the Arab-Israeli conflict. But as Baker's frustrations illustrate, no outside power can impose a solution; the hickering factions may swit present ehemselves. And the evident truth is that they don't, or at least not move it the "Delettinions", says a senior Western diplomat in Washington. cag's personal progression of the progressio

ISRAEL Confidence is the basis of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's intransigence. Israel has the lands the Arabs want backthe West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights-and does not anticipate being forced to return them. Only a defeat in war would bring that about, and who would deliver it? Iraq, previously Israel's fiercest enemy, has been neutered. Syria can no longer rely on now impoverished Moscow to bankroll its military machine, which runs on Soviet technology that was shown to be inferior in the gulf war. Egypt, which made a separate peace with Israel in 1979, is not interested. And in any event. Israel has nuclear weapons, a tough and proven military and a close alliance with the world's remaining superpower

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SAUDI ARABIA Grateful to the U.S. and the other allies for saving them from Saddam, the Saudis suggested in the midst of the crisis that they would adopt a new openness toward Israel. But now that the kingdom is safe again, the old hostility is back. It took a diplomatic bludgeoning by the U.S. to get the Saudis and the other

gulf states to agree earlier this month to serve collectively as an observer to a Middle East conference and to participate in talks with Isaach on regional issues like water distribution, economic development and arms control. Worried about a basklash by Saudi conservatives, King Fahd is hestiant tog a ray further. The Saudis want to the properties of the control of the control of the control again. Given U.S. reliance to paff oil, however, the Saudis das trealize that they do not have to be service to Washington.

JORDAN U.S. officials think King Hussein badly wants to take part in the talks, in part to get back in Washington's good graces after leaning toward Saddam in the war. But last week the King refused to accept Baker's proposal for a parley for fear of incurring Assad's wrath. Asked whether he would attend a peace conference without Syria present, he replied, "I haven't said that." Would he attend if Syria did too? "I haven't said that, either."

THE U.S. Faced with the Kurdish ragedy and Saddam's tenacious hold on power, the Bush Administration dearly needs a diplomatic victory. Certainly Baser does not appear to be preparing to quit anytime soon. On his way home last week, he stressed the positive accomplishments of his mission and said little to dampen expectations for more progress.

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rael than the Administration, and the powerful Israeli lobby in the U.S. What's more, Administration officials have learned from experience that the tougher they get with Shamir, the tougher he gets in return.

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Michael Kramer

Baker's Real Agenda: 1992

"The mutual hostility of Arabs and Jews [has always been] of the severest sort. Because most of their disagreements stem from differences in ideology and religion, they have never been able to settle them by peaceful arbitration."

Whatever else may have changed about James Baker's world view since he wrote those sentences in his Prince-ton thesis 40 years ago, the Secretary of State's underlying possimism about the prospects for pence in the Middle East has remained constant. As the most political of diplomats, Baker shares Frings Forstel's observation: "Those whom the Gods that the property of the property of the Constant of the Constan

"Well," says a senior Administration official, "we promised to try. We didn't exactly link dealing with Saddam to a serious attempt to waddle around in this mess afterward, but that was clearly the President's message to the Arabs, and we are deter-

mined to keep our word. None of the toing and froing may go anywhere, which is obviously where you'd have to put your money if you cared to bet, but history shows that whenever a Middle East peace process is at least perceived to be ongoing, the chances for war recede.

All of that is fine, and undoubtedly true, but there's another reason for Baker's frencies 'hutting—the securing of George Bush's re-election in 1992. Many American Jews harbor an in-hoate but viscent belief that while Ronald Reagan and George Shultz were seen as instinctive friends of Israel, Bush and Baker are at best neutral toward the Jewsh state. "We've reinforced that perception with a series of statements viscued as unifairly squeezing fisrael," concedes a State Department official, "but if we can generate even a little progress—or just the appearance of progress—the justify should flade;"

appearance on projects—the resource parameters will help ease the suspicions about Bush and Baker. "Never mind of the blown Arab-Farelist idown," says a White House aide. "If the Israelis and some West Bank Palestinians can be brought to the table to discuss anything at all, we can then say that we advanced the state of play with respect to where our predecessors left it—and that should help us domestically."

and that should they be solutioned immensioned—but servinos pressare on Israel is unlikely. Baker truly believes that the parties themselves have to want peace if anything is to change. A flawed compromise (which in the current contest means a solution that results from superpower arm-wisting), Baker words in his senior paper, "would alienate both parties and would, in the long run, be worse than adopting either's ... all, our solutions." So while the Administration considered telling the Israelis that aid would be frozen unless they stopped building settlements on the occupied West Bank, less vito officials adviced as such a handled processing and the service in progression of the control of the processing of the processing settlements on the occupied West Bank, less vito of officials adviced as such a handled processing the service of the processing of the proce

What if nothing moves on the peace front, and American Dess conclude that Bush has titled too far toward the Arabs in his attempt to jump-start the process? Then the nation will have some worst in a 1992 campaign speech designed to mitigate the political fallout. As already conceived in draft form, bush's message will run something like this. "We proved in Kuwait that we will sheet blood to preserve a mation's integrity. We than an unitested Democratic President would do the same?" A thin reed, perhaps, but probably enough to stem a wholesale defection of Jewshiv oters.



An Eritrean guerrilla takes shelter in his hillside bunker: no one is eager to storm the capital

ETHIOPIA

Uncle Sam Steps In

As the Mengistu regime verges on collapse, the U.S. tries to avert a slaughter by brokering peace among the competing factions

By LISA BEYER

With the rebels only 58 miles from the capital. The President discredited and the army demoralized, the serjit would seem to be percodusined for l'fishi-pia. Liberia and Somitali have provided the worst kind of models in the past year: the government falls, blioud splatters the capital, housands feet the country, triberia and claus clash, anarchy prevaits. This time, the cross-hadowing has prompted an earnest attempt to reverte the seconds. The chief when the Switch seconds are carried attempt in cewite the seconds. The chief when the Switch second less active in the region, had little influence over Ethiopia's quasi-Marsiet combatants.

The latest effort to mediate the conflict was sparked by what appears to be the imminent collapse of Lieut. Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam's regime. Mengistu, whose 14-year reign of terror rivals that of Saddam Hussein, has been written off before, only to survive. But since late April, when Tigrean-led Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front guerrillas pushed as far south as Ambo, putting almost all of northern Ethiopia in rebel hands, the consensus has been that Mengistu is a goner. "It brought home that the 30-year seesaw of rebel victories and then government victories had irretrievably dipped," says a Bush Administration official. "This is the end game.

The three main groups fighting the government—the E.P.R.D.F., an allifed group of Eritreans fighting for independence and a smaller band of insurgent Oromos—are not cager to storm the capital. Addis Ababa, knowing that a blood-bath would ensue. Thus the U.S. is attempting to arrange a peaceful transfer of power to a broad-based transitional government.

ernment that would rule the country until elections are held.

That would be a far better outcome than a flat-out rebel military victory, which would leave the Tigrean faction in a dominant position. The group's leaders, once Albanian-style Murzists who now espouse a blend of old-fashioned communism and American-flavored democracy, are widely distrusted in Ethiopia.

Washington-sponsored talks between the rebels and the regime are scheduled to

take place in London next week Mengistu, however, is a sticky problem. Those around him, sensing a dark future for the government, are keeply interested in negotiations. The President is showing signs of stress—he needs to take pills to sleep—but he still seems to think he can hold out, Says a U.S., government specialist on Elihopia: "He's the type to hange not the blitter end."

Washington still hopes to persuate Mengistu to step aside by turning his own togic against him. The President has climied that he alone represents unity for Ethiopia against the secessionist demands of the Eritraus. But if there is no political settlement, the Americans will argoe, the Eritraus are posited to win only endement of the property of the property of the together the property of the prop

The last contention is rather weak, since it is unclear whether the deferment is only temporary; Eritreans refuse to cancel the referendum on independence that they SURVA ANNUAL TURNS

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have long demanded for their region, which was not a part of Ethiopia until 1952, when the United Nations decided it should be annexed. Still, given the rebels' singlemindedness about the plebiscite in the past, that concession was considered a victory for the U.S.

Ethiopia has considerable strategic value because of its location on the Red Sea and its proximity to the Arab world. But the country, and others in the Horn of Africa, are no longer the geopolitical battle-

ground that they were during the cold war, when Washing, ton and Moscow backed rival clients in the area. U.S. officials maintain that the primary motivation for their involvement is humanitarian. Ethiopia is among the world's poorest countries, and always under the threat of famine.

However pure its intentions. Washington faces a monstrous task in trying to prevent another African slaughter.

"The chances are still strong that Mengistu will be stupid and dig in." laments a U.S. envoy. "Soon enough, the Tigreans will light their way into Menelik Palace, and we'll have a disaster on our hands."

The rebels, who change that government officials will use the talks to huy time, concur that the odds are against peace. "I don't think [the government] is senious, says Tesfan Ghermazien, the Eritrean group's spokesman in Washington, "but there is a very sime chance it is since for all practical to the control of the c

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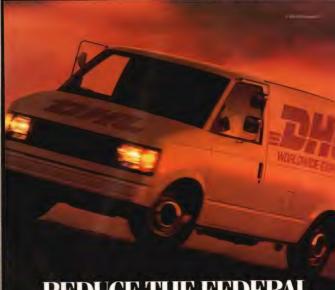


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World Notes

YUGOSLAVIA

Dangerous Muddle

Virtually rudderless after months of ethnic violence and political strife, Yugoslavia was left without a helmsman last week. Croatia's Stipe Mesic, 57, was to assume the rotating leadership of the country's collective federal presidency, made up of representatives from each of the six republics and two provinces. But the routine vote turned into a crisis when Communist-ruled Serbia and three of its allies refused to approve Mesic, fearful that he might promote the country's disintegration. Said Borisav Jovic, the Serbian representative who led the presidency for the past year: "No country can vote for a man as President who aims to destroy the system he heads."



Mesic: blocked ascension

The political vacuum can only deepen Yugoslavia's state of shock. Serbia, the largest republic in the troubled Balkan country of 23 million, is struggling to preserve its power over federal institutions, including the army. But the federation itself has been stumbling toward dissolution since free elections last year installed non-Communist governments in the republics of Croatia, Slovenia. Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia.

So far this month, at least 20 people have died in the country's bloodiest conflicts between Serbs and Croats since World War II



A victim of the worst rioting Brussels has witnessed in years

Making Their Voices Heard

When two Brussels police officers stopped a Moroccan motorcycle rider in an immigrant neighborhood for disturbing the peace last week, their action sparked the worst rioting the quiet capital has witnessed in years. The officers asked the rider to show some identification, and soon local Moroccans. who saw the incident as just the latest in a long campaign of police harassment, were throwing fire bombs and stones. By the next day hundreds of Arabs smashed windows at a nearby police station. Riots raged in immigrant neighborhoods for

the three nights that followed. and though no fatal injuries were reported, the fighting got bloody. By week's end Belgian officials were calling for government programs to aid the foreign community

The city's immigrants, mainly Moroccans and Turks. make up a quarter of Brussels' 970,000 population. But many are poorly educated, unskilled laborers and quite a few are angry and frustrated teenagers. Vic Anciaux, the Secretary of State for Immigration, recommended that some \$285 million be spent on education and urban development in an effort to improve the immigrants' lot. Nevertheless, it could be months before the money is actually spent.

An Abortion

Bill Aborts

With Pope John Paul II due to visit his native country in June, Poland's Roman Catholic prelates busied themselves preparing a present for their Pontiff: strict antiabortion legislation that would ban the procedure completely, including cases stemming from rape and incest. The antiabortion bill, which the church lobbied for mightily in the Polish Sejm, or lower house of parliament, prescribed jail terms for doctors who performed abortions, even on women whose lives were endangered by pregnancy.

Given the predominance of Catholics in Poland-97% of the country's 38 million people-the church had numbers and influence on its side, and a more moderate version of the bill had already passed the Senate. But when the time came for a vote last week, the Sejm, lobbied by Solidarity veterans and former communists, postponed a decision. Instead, the lower house opted for a nonbinding resolution calling on the government to ban private abortions and decrying the country's high abortion rate. With a vote unlikely till after his visit. John Paul will have to settle for another gift.

FRANCE

Mitterrand's Iron Lady

The French have always likened their republic to an imaginary woman, Marianne, but have never allowed a real one to govern it. Last week, in a bold attempt to revive France's sluggish economy and give new zest to his flagging Socialist regime. President François Mitterrand named longtime political associate Edith Cresson, 57, an aggressive booster of French industry, as the nation's first woman Prime Minister.

"We are confronted with the necessity of constructing a balanced Europe, where France is as strong as Germany," she said. Her initial decision: to create an economic superministry patterned after Japan's Ministry of Interna-

tional Trade and Industry to oversee industry, finance, foreign trade and the budget

"Mitterrand's Iron Lady," as the French press has dubbed her, replaces Michel Rocard, 60, whose three-yearold government was having increasing trouble piecing together parliamentary majorities even as it battled a burgeon ing campaign-finance scandal. The

unenviable task of damage control now falls on Cresson, leaving Rocard free to pursue his 1995 presidential ambitions.



The old and the new: Rocard and Cresson

Come On Down! Fast!

With the economy moribund, cities and states are in a feverish free-for-all to lure employers their way

t's quite a spectacle: eager Governors. U.S. Senators and state economic directors in their best blue suits traipsing out to the headquarters of United Air Lines in Elk Grove Village, Ill. Ever since word got around that United plans to build a new \$1 billion aircraft-maintenance center somewhere in the U.S., some 90 cities, states and other public entities have been strutting their stuff in hopes of winning the facility

businesses. But now, with most local governments caught in a crunch between rising costs and shrinking federal subsidies, the practice has become a heated struggle.

In Texas, the Greater Houston Partnership, a public-private combine, wields a \$2 million annual budget and a staff of 20 in a downtown high-rise, casting for new industries to balance the state's volatile energy base. "We tell people that humidity is good for the skin and that you

can work on your golf handicap all year round," says Houston development chief John Brock. "It's hardball now. As bad times hit, everyone is discovering the benefits of economic development.

More than 9,000 city, state and regional entities are aggressively seeking new industry, according to Robert Adv. president of PHH Fantus, a corporate relocation firm in Chicago. Armed with generous tax breaks, low-interest loans and job-training subsidies, not to mention four-color brochures boasting cheaper housing, better schools, prettier sunsets and friendlier neighbors, they are pitching their hearts out to major corporations and medium-size

manufacturing firms as well. Localities will spend hundreds of millions this year to lure companies away from their established bases, twice as much as they laid out 10 years ago.

The competition for UAL has grown frantic now that the carrier has narrowed its search to nine sites, scattered from Denver to Martinsburg, W. Va. Pitchmen in the farm town of Rantoul, Ill., have put together \$300 million worth of free land and other incentives, hoping to substitute UAL for nearby Chanute Air Force Base. slated to close in 1993. In January a special session of the Oklahoma legislature ap-

proved a new 1% sales tax to pay for tax concessions, jobtraining subsidies and other lures. Boasts Ed Bee, Oklahoma City's economic development director: "We have a done deal." Well, not quite. Colorado has assembled a package worth at least \$427 million, including 30 years of tax breaks, in hopes of landing the UAL jewel for the new international airport Denver is building. Governor Roy Romer will call his state legislature into special session next month to approve the goodies. UAL is expected to announce its decision by midsummer

America's rich industrial states are the best hunting grounds for corporate trophies. Tennessee scored the biggest hit of the past several years in 1985, for example,







Oregon now Dozens of schoolchildren calls itself the from Oklahoma City have written to chief executive Ste-Silicon Forest phen Wolf, beseeching him to provide jobs for their parents.

Suitors have sent flowers to UAL executives and bombarded them with commercials on a local Chicago radio station. A huge redwhite-and-blue billboard near UAL's offices reads, UNITED, COME FLY THE FRIENDLY SKIES OF OKLAHOMA!

The United deal is only the latest-and most spectacular-to send hearts fluttering in city halls and statehouses across America. From Scattle to Boca Raton, Fla., government officials are gunning for the economic growth that new companies can bring. Local officials have long poached upon sister cities and states, of course, by snatching away their

Texas wooed J.C. Penney with low, low costs



when General Motors decided to build its \$1.9 billion Saturn plant there. Raiders from the Southern, Southwestern and Central states have set up permanent outposts in California, determined to pick off high-tech and manufacturing companies. Even Pueblo, Colo., has an economic development office in Orange County

ALABAMA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS, a bright green-and-white billboard crowed recently beside a Los Angeles freeway. Grim commuters stuck in traffic have plenty of time to write down the toll-free number on the bottom. In nearby Laguna Hills, Jay Allbaugh runs a one-man Sooner office whose slogan is THE OKIES ARE RETURNING! Says he: "The smog, traffic and high cost of living all work in our favor. Businesses are telling me their profit margins are getting squeezed so much they must move to stay profitable.'

Bank of America announced last month that it will move 600 credit-card-processing workers from San Francisco and Pasadena. Calif., to Phoenix. Zero Corp., which makes equipment cases for musicians, photographers and scientists, is leaving Los Angeles for Salt Lake City, Says CEO Wilford Godbold: "The negative perception of business in the state legislature has made it harder and harder for us to operate here. The environmental regulations were conflicting, confusing and costly." Geoffrey Gordon. chairman of Atlas Pacific Engineering, a small machinery maker, says he misses the Oakland Symphony now that his company has moved to Pueblo. "But we only went twice a year anyway. I'll just go out and buy

Things are far worse in New York City. It has lost 200,000, or 38%, of its manufacturing jobs and more than 50,000, about 20%. of its financial jobs since the 1987 stockmarket crash, and the pace of departures doesn't seem to be slowing. In the past four years, J.C. Penney sold its 45-story office tower and moved to Plano, Texas, for a loss to the city of 3,800 jobs, while Exxon followed with a move to nearby Irving (2.100 jobs). Salomon Brothers is transferring its domestic operations division to Tampa

(700 jobs). City officials, who claim they don't keep track of the corporate exodus-which is inexcusable, if true-had no idea that W.R. Grace was thinking of leaving until it announced last January that it would move most of its operations to Boca Raton, Says a dispirited Sally Hernandez-Pinero, New York's deputy mayor for finance and eco-

Now stalwarts of the financial industry at the heart of New less Merrill Lynch will send 2,500 operations workers to New Jersey in 1992, while Smith Barney and Morgan Stanley are considering moves to Connecticut. The tempta-

nomic development: "It's pretty

hard to combat no income taxes

and palm trees."

tions are everywhere. Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and Georgia Governor Zell Miller hosted a lavish lunch at Manhattan's "21" Club not long ago for representatives of 200 top New York firms. Said John Gilman, a Georgia development official: "Our highest target is the New York area.

Note the word area. Even the outlying towns and suburbs that had cherry-picked companies from cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco. Detroit and New York during the 1970s are now losing them to less expensive climes. Says Miles Friedman, executive director of the National Association of State Development Agencies: "They'll go out the back door as fast as they came in the front." United Parcel Service, which moved from Manhattan to Greenwich. Conn., in 1975, announced two weeks ago that it will ship its 1,000-worker headquarters to Atlanta. UPS also considered Baltimore, Dallas and Cincinnati, then chose Atlanta, in part on the basis of cheaper housing (\$68,000 for a median-priced single-family home, vs. \$165,000 in southwestern Connecticut).

ig companies are often surprised when they look closely at the henefits of rapidly developing regional economies. Airline deregulation, for example, has snawned handy new international hubs in places once better known for their bus terminals. Atlanta has played its airport trump card effectively, one reason Holiday Inn is in the midst of moving there from Memphis. Says Memphis Chamber of Commerce president David Cooley: "We don't have a nonstop to London, and Atlanta does.

Broad changes in the U.S. economy are enlivening this free-for-all. As the U.S. shifts from manufacturing to service industries and the so-called knowledge economy, locations near waterways, railheads and raw materials-traditional spots for great cities-have become

less important. Computers. fax machines and improved telecommunications have enabled large corporations to shift back-office operations out of expensive downtowns and into small towns

and suburbs. In his forthcoming

book. The New Corporate Frontier, author David Heenan, chief executive of Hawaii's Theo. H. Davies conglomerate, argues that a vast new American migration is under way as com-

panies abandon big cities and old-line industrial regions. Says he: "The corporate downsizing of the 1980s proved that you don't need a Pentagon-size bureaucraey to run a business. Downsiz-

Tennessee is becoming the motor capital of the South

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Business

ing led to outsourcing of suppliers, and has now led to a movement to ship out the whole company. After all, with new technologies, you can run even a global business out of a small town." He's right. Just ask IBM (Armonk, N.Y.) or General Electric (Fairfield, Conn.).

Many corporations place an especially high premium on education and skills when they relocate. They're looking for workers who won't require much extra training, on which U.S. companies spend billions each year. Economic development officials from Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky have found that big corporate fish rise quickly to the bait of their skilled workers, "The No. 1 issue is education," explains Adv. "Jobs are changing so fast that companies need completely adaptable, flexible work forces. Ten years ago, two-thirds of our clients would locate in the lowest-cost town. Now that's rare."

t a time when every place from Dallas to Park City, Utah, is primed to put a salesman on a plane to snag business, many companies try to search quietly for new homes. When Salomon Brothers decided to move its processing division, the firm conducted secret scouting missions in 72 cities before making a peep. Sure enough. when word got out in January that the company had narrowed its choices to Tampa and Columbus, Salomon was besieged with promoters. Tampa offered Super Bowl tickets: Columbus brandished seats for the Final Four. Says Salomon managing director Marc Sternfeld: "I heard from every personality in Florida and Ohio.

Tough competition calls for unfamil-

iar methods. Members of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce are not the sort of people who skulk around to clandestine meetings, but the city is hungry for new business, and, by golly, they're willing to do what it takes. When a relocation consultant brought a corporate team to town to see what Greater Cincinnati could offer, the visitors insisted on complete secrecy. No problem! Hight Cincinnati corporate leaders gathered in a small club dining room to sing the praises of their town to "Bill, Bill, Bill and Mike," four strangers identified only as "top level" executives of a "really big company" in another city. The meeting went well. Ten months after Bill, Bill, Bill and Mike took a look around, H.J. Heinz moved its Pet Products subsidiary from Long Beach. Calif., to Cincinnati. - Reported by Mary

Cronin/New York and Richard Woodbury/Houston

The Bruising Battle Abroad

M itsubishi's Coilplus subsidiary, a manufacturer of preci-sion steel products, didn't just plop down its new \$16 million plant in Will County, Ill., three years ago by chance. The county, 35 miles south of Chicago, prevailed in an intense 15-month bidding contest against 20 other sites in Illinois and neighboring Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. Will County won by building a \$300,000 road, finding \$150,000 in state funds for a training program, extending a railroad spur to the plant's back door, negotiating with the owner of

the 37-acre site to drop its price, and even renaming its county highway for Coilplus.

Virtually every state is going after a piece of the \$400 billion worth of foreign investment in the U.S., and the fight is getting ugly. Ruth Fitzgerald, Will County's take-no-prisoners development director, has brought 13,000 new jobs into the county (pop. 357,313) since 1985 and has no illusions about the painful strug gles involved. "You have county against county, city against city and state against state," she says. "You have to wonder whether pitting states against each other is worth the return in the long term.

The number of state development offices abroad, which function almost like consulates has doubled in the past five years, to 160. Illinois has more foreign offices than many small nations; it has outposts in Moscow, Shenyang,

Brussels, Warsaw, Budapest, Toronto, Mexico City, Hong Kong and Osaka. No fewer than 38 states-plus San Bernardino. Calif., and Houston-maintain offices in Tokyo. Has the competition grown too intense? It has resulted in

incentives, tax concessions and other subsidies that end up costing an average of \$50,000 for every new job created. Even those jobs may be something of an illusion. The eight new Japanese car plants built mainly in the South in the past decade. for example, have resulted in 26,800 new jobs, but 250,000 auto industry assembly-line jobs were lost during the same period. "That is not new investment," points out C.K. Prahalad.

international management professor at the University of Michigan School of Business. "It is substitute investment

Beyond that, the way many states market their availability raises discomfiting questions. Too often the fat, glossy brochures of Kentucky pastures, Minnesota lakes, South Dakota prairies, Houston skylines and Indiana sunsets convey not who Americans are but what foreign investors want to see mainly people who are white, rural, nonunion, eager to work hard and unlikely ever to make any trou-

ble. Sometimes the pitch seems meek and submissive. Listen, for example, to Mike Dovle, international development director of the State of Iowa: "Iowa has a lot in common with Japan. We like to promote the homogeneous relationships within Iowa. We are a morally conservative state that appeals well to Asiatic society. Iowans also revere their elders and share the values of extended family life.

Proponents of states battling one another before the rest of the world say the competition not only builds business but also leads to better educational systems,

are probably right. Further, even substitute investment like those Japanese car plants can be good for the economy. Because American resources are now used more efficiently in making cars. Americans in general are better off.

infrastructures and governments. They But warring states pose a problem that warring companies

do not. The battle's enthusiasts could do worse than reread the discourse of Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay in The Federalist Papers on the core principles of the nation's founding two centuries ago. One of a central government's most constructive tasks, Hamilton argued, was to extinguish "that secret jealousy which disposes all states to aggrandize themselves at the expense of their neighbors." danger is that in lighting for advantage, individual states may harm the U.S. as a whole. -- By William McWhirter/Detroit, With reporting by Barry Hillenbrand/Tokyo



The fight for foreign investment is getting ugly

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The Banks Are in Hotel Hell

The next hostelry you stay at could be run by a lender that never really wanted to own one but can't find a way to dump it

By BERNARD BAUMOHL

T ime was when the hotel industry mixed gamour and high finance in an introcating cocktail that attracted the most lamboyant entrepreneurs of the past century—Cornal Hilton. Richard D'Osly Carte. César Rir. But check in today alltousns dos U.S. hoseleries, including intiousns dos U.S. hoseleries, including intiousns dos U.S. hoseleries, including intiousns do un consecuence of the control of the conmixecper will believe to a far more somber groupe; Citicorp, Welfs Fargo Bank, Travelere, insurance and others.

closed botel? With lock he sells it jost and gets his must peck hunts and Sell-s hase no desire to run these properties. But tupers are hard to find nowadays. "The market to purchase hotels is dead," says Morris Lasky, chiel executive of Lodging Unlimited. a firm based in West Chester, Pen, than specializes in turning around problem hotels. "Bank are no go many with each to his his period with the company of the work of the period with the control of the many anxious sellers is the government? Resolution Trust Corporation, which has

55-year career. "Three years ago, we were gotting flour or five calls a month for calls and month of the calls and the calls need a Nautilsonom? I study the calls need a Nautilsonom? I study the calls need a Nautilsonom of the calls need to call the calls and the callson of the calls need a Nautilsonom of the callson of the cal

who has resuscitated 200 hotels during his

Bankers aren't equipped to decide, and many are formented over what to do next. Some reluse to throw more money into a losing business, but experts warn that such a policy can cost more than it saves. "A hotel operation can go quickly into a graveyard spiral if some action isn't taken." says Laurence Geller, who runs a hotel advisory firm in Chicago.

The lenders don't feel any better know-

ing they have mainly themselves to blame for this fix. Through much of the 30s they were tripping ower one another to offer generous serms for even the unskedies projects. "In the mades of that decade, many hotels were overfinanced and overfeveraged," says Brace Batlin, a partner with the consulting firm Plannel Ferrorster, "A for of hotels are in trouble because of that."

By the time many of the prop-erties were built, corporations were cutting back on business trips to protect profits. The current recession has made things worse (Ot the 3.1 million rooms available in the U.S., almost half are vacant every night. Since an average hotel needs 65% occupancy to break even, that translates into an estimated industry loss of \$1,7 billion last year, a record, and this year looks worse. Says Randy Smith, who publishes the authoritative newsletter Lodging Outlook: "I've been doing research on the hotel industry for 20

years, and this first quarter beats anything I have ever seen."

Most lenders are resigned to holding

their hotel properties until the market improves, but they'd better be patient. "It is going to be anywhere from five to seven years before the hotel industry gets back to reality," says Lasky. Between now and then demand will increase, but probably not nearly enough to catch up with the huge oversupply of rooms. That means the numher of rooms will have to come down. Some hotels will simply be demolished. Others may be converted into condominiums, although there's hardly a shortage of those. Some, depending on design and location, could even be converted into prisons. Don't laugh. At least it's a growth industry. Reported by Dan Cray/Los Angeles and William McWhirter/Chicago



Consultant Lasky's task: revive this money-losing Holiday Inn owned by First National Bank of Marytane Lenders are getting stuck with the vast surplus of rooms they helped finance in the '80s.

The jokes are inevitable-it takes a month to get your reservation approved: no room service after 3 p.m.-but the banks and insurance companies aren't amused. They are in the hotel business because in the past decade they helped linance a building frenzy that dumped thousands of new rooms on an already glutted market, with disastrous results. Six of every ten hotels in the U.S. aren't able to make a penny in profit, says Biorn Hanson, an industry expert with the Coopers & Lybrand accounting firm. As losses mount, so do loan defaults, which have forced lenders to foreclose on a record number of ailing properties. More than 3,000 have reverted to lenders in the past three years, and experts expect an additional 7,000 to be resessed in the next 24 months

What does a lender do with a fore-

160 hotels in its portfolio of failed S&Ls. Some of the repossessed properties are landmarks. Bally has effectively agreed to hand over the keys to its Las Vegas and Reno resorts to a group of creditors. The Westin Canal Place in New Orleans was repossessed by Travelers. The Four Seasons hotel in Austin has been forcelosed by Manufacturers Hanover. The Los Angeles Airport Hilton is in the hands of Security Pacific National Bank. "It is unprecedented what has been going on with hotel foreclosures," says David Renton, who heads a hotel investment firm in Stamford, Conn. "This is the worst crisis for the industry since the Great Depression.

Most bank executives realize that hotel management is a job for a professional, and they usually hire new managers to try to revive an ailing property. Says Lasky,

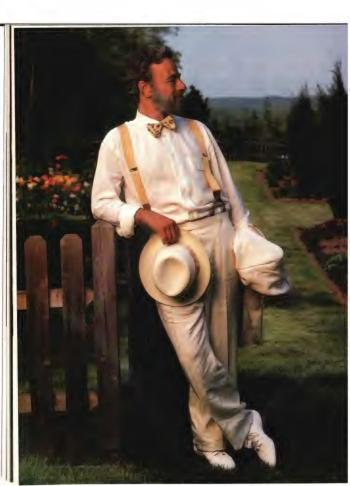
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Oh no—not unother piece of stereo equipment. We've been LPed. 8-tracked, cassetted. CDed. and parted, and now comes the Mini Disc, or MD. unveiled last week by Sony, which expects it to surface in stores by late 1992.

Looking like a compact disc after a month on Slim-fast, the 2%-in. MD is small enough to be played on a machine the size of a cigarette pack. But it holds a much music as its full-size cousin, and unlike the traditional CD (if something a decade old can be called traditional), the MD records as well as plays back. True, it does not of fer the compact disc's perfection of fidelity, but the digital MD easily outperforms analog tape cassettes. And unlike portable CD units, the MD player doesn's kigh when pilted.

All of which begs the question: Who needs it? "We'd like to introduce the MD to the industry as a successor to cas-

settes," says Sony president Norio Ohga. That sounds a lot like what the company said only last fall as it introduced the digital audio-tape Walkman. But now Sony argues that there is room for both DAT, aimed at his fi fetishists, and MD, whose lower price, smaller size and ease of use should appeal to the masses. Provided, of course, the masses will pop for yet anoth-



Bridging the Rio Grande

One of the prickliest issues in Congress lately has been the prospective free-trade agreement with Mexico. While economists are vittually unanimuss that free trade benefits both trading nations, labor unions lear they library trading nations, labor unions lear they library with work for forcer wages, and have opposed the pact. So have environmentalists, who fear that industry will beom south of the border, where artipollution lasso.

are less strictly enforced. When President Bush promised to seek better cooperation from Mexico on the environment and to help supplanted workers, chances for an agreement took a giant step forward. last week congressional committees endorsed Bush's authority to nevotiate a deal that Congress must vote up or down but may not amend. This so-called fast-track authority is crucial, because no country wants to bother hammering out a pact that Congress can then turn inside out. Presuming Bush's negotiators clinch a deal like the recent one with Canada-and Congress approves it-North America could achieve a truly

America could achieve a truly open common market about the same time Europe does next

Here we go again: Sony's new MD format

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COMPUTERS

The Numbers Didn't Add Up

Tough times in the computer industry mean misery for computer retailers. Just ask Businessland: last week the San Jose hardware dealer announced a third-quarter loss so drastic—\$43 million—it may file for bankrunter.

Founded in 1982. Businessland became corporate America's one-stop shop for personal computer systems, mainly from blue-chip makers like IBM and Apple, But as Businessland's fortunes rose, so did those of mail-order boutiques and aggressive superstores offering deep discounts. Meanwhile, Businessland stumbled by launching price wars while ignoring rising inventory and changes in customer needs. The company's key lender, ITF Commercial Credit, has amounced that it will jump ship the end of June, Now Busin-essland muss persuade remaining lenders to extend its loan payments. Observes computer industry analyst Douglas Kass. "The coffin is lying out there waiting for the last rail."

er audio device.



Businessland CEO David Norman

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Icahn Empties A Piggy Bank

Is the 1980s cornorate raider going the way of the 1890s robber baron? Exhibit A: last week Carl leahn, TWA chairman and high-stakes player during the Decade of the Deal, sold his 13.3% interest in Pittsburghbased USX. Icahn became a force in the company in 1986. when takeover fever was at its height. He waged an unsuccessful 1990 proxy war to force the firm out of the steel business. but seemed to achieve partial victory in January when the company agreed to split its common stock into separate steel and energy issues-an agreement that went into effect barely a week before leahn's abrupt withdrawal from USX.



cahn: farewell to five feisty years

The take from Icahn's sale was more than \$1 billion—impressive on paper, yet a measly 25% return on his investment over five years. Icahn's continuing problems at TWA apparently cry out for a compress of cold cash from his deep—yet clearly not bottomless—puckets.

Toughie, Smoothy, Striver, Spy

Bland-looking and hard-hitting, BOB GATES is the President's pick to lead the CIA beyond its cold-war roots into an uncertain future

By DAN GOODGAME WASHINGTON

wholesome Kanss kid who me his wife-to-be on a wholesome Kanss kid who me his wife-to-be on a hayride. He yearned to become a doctor or a teacher, and volunteered to tuttor needy students. His college honored him as the graduate "who has made the greatest contribution to his fellow man." So how did a nice gay like Gates get into the spy business? And why do some Democrats in the Senate says each nasty things about him?

Nominated last week by President Bush to serve as a director of Central Intelligence, Gates Began his CA Career "on a lark" in 1965. He accepted a recruiter's invitation to an interview just or "a free trip to Washington. Once he got there, however, things got serious. The agency asked Gates to join, not as "39y" but as seek bound analyst, and he accepted. Yet when the agency of the control to the part-time doctoral studies, Gates decined. He "didn't want to feel obligated to stay" if a good teaching jobs suddenly became open.

Fast-forward a quarter-century and Gates, now 47, is posied to become the youngest—and yet the most experienced—Cri.4 director since the agency was founded in 1947. But Iris Gates must win the Senate confirmation that eluded him on his last go-round, in 1987. Then the agency's deputy director, he was criticated for not acting on indications that the Iran-contra scandal was afoot. No wrongdoing by Cates was proved, but he withdress hanner from nomination to spare President Reagan further embarrassment.

Since then, passions have cooled and the public has grown every of the Iran-cortain investigation. The boyish-looking, soft-spoken Gates, during two years as first leutern to retting (a.d. Director William Webster and two more so Deputy National Security Adviser to Bush, has assiduously cultivated key Senatuers. Though some Democrates wow to re-examine Gates! Tran-courter role, most Senators predict that bewill be confirmed this time, barring some unexpected new oridence of wrongdoing. "Bob Gates was nexceptional deputy to Webster, and housel tission to the congressional committees and an invaluable aide to the President in the White Ilsouse." says Senator David Boren, the Oklahoma

Democrat who chairs the intelligence committee. "I think he could be an outstanding CIA director."

The agency can afford nothing less if it is to outgrow its coldwar roots. Policymakers lumer the Cri & failure to warn earlier of Iraq's intention to invade Kuwait, and they demand intelligence on new topics, from industrial counterespionage to the AIDS epidemic's devastation of the political and managerial elites in several African countries. Budget cutters hungrily eye the estimated \$30 billion in often redunates pending by the Cri and other elements of the intelligence community. To address these challenges, Bob Gistes colors ties with the White House and Pertugon, broad officers close ties with the White House and Pertugon, broad

CIA experience and a black belt in bureaucratic politics. Friends remember him as a child who demonstrated a need and a knack for pleasing his elders back in Wichita. where his father sold wholesale auto parts. Young Bob was bright, well-organized and punctual. He read voraciously and loved to run and hike. When he went off to the College of William and Mary in Virginia, he first enrolled in pre-medicine, then gravitated toward history. "I started with American history," Gates says, "and moved east." He studied Western Europe as an undergrad, Eastern Europe for his master's degree and Russian history and language for his doctorate. Gates worked part time in Williamsburg as a school-bus driver with the eccentric habit of teaching his riders words and phrases in German and Russian. At Indiana University, he worked as a dorm counselor, as did his wife-to-be Becky, whom he met when they chaperoned a hayride.

At the cta, Gates scrambled rapidly up the career ladder, starting as a junior analyst who struggled to write coherent reports after poring over mountains of information from a wide range of secret and public sources. He quickly drew praise for cogent analysis and crisp writing—traits still evident in his scholarly articles and speeches.

A big break for Gates came in 1974, when he was assigned to work at the White House on the National Security Council. His boss, then as now, was an Air Force general named Brent Scowcroft. Over the next 17 years, Gates deftly hopscotched back and forth from the White House to CIA. winning kudes from Democrats and Republicans alike.

Some detractors describe Gates as a "chamelcon" who. like Magnus Pym, the sociopathic protagonist of John le Carrés The Pefect Spp, finds it easy to match his coloration to whomever he needs to please. And while his friends disagree, they add wryly that it's better to have Gates as an employee than as a boss.

He strives to deliver what his superiors want, and ricks his subrainates until he gets it. He first made his name as head of the Cuk's analysts, insisting that reports he made less caustiously scadeline and more relevant to policymakers addressing their concerns bluntly, concisely and accurately. He demanded each analyst's "best estimate" on difficult questions, and tracked such judgments on scorreards that influenced promotions. Some analysts considered Gates a little Napoleon. But Congressman Dave McCurdy, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, says he witnessed a "remarkable" improvement in the quality of Cux perops repeared under Gates.

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Gates also takes pride in having helped to establish a
day-care center for employees' children, complete with jungle gyms and little CtA T shirts. He delighted in imagining
what KGB analysts would conclude from their satellite pho-



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Sometimes Gates seems pleasantly bumfuzzled by recent turns in the relationship between the superpowers. Last August, for example, his son Brad, then 10, was struggling to comprehend what he was hearing from his cold-warrior father. "Let me get this straight, Dad." Brad said, "The

smiled and nodded. Brad replied simply, "Wow!" Like Bush, Gates rises early: about 5 a.m. He runs three miles, showers, shellaes his white-gray hair and hops into the back of a black government sedan that waits outside his home in suburban Virginia. The driver hands over a packet of

intelligence reports and diplomatic cables that moved overnight, and Gates scans these and the newspapers on his way to the White House. He usually eats lunch at his desk. He seldom gets home before 9 p.m.

He takes son Brad and teenage daughter Elcanor to Orioles baseball games, and they indulge his attraction to carnival rides. During a trip to Germany when he was deputy CIA director, Gates detoured to a local fairground, security detail in tow, and rode a roller coaster called the Triple Loop. A man of plain tastes and middlebrow origins, Gates likes to torment elitists at the CIA and the State Department, whom he derides as "guys with last names for first names." He tells corny jokes and Russian jokes. And he is relentlessly practical in a way that sometimes amuses his friends. While driving down Constitution Avenue in a

convertible, for example, Gates was caught in a rainstorm but couldn't get the top up. Unfazed, he unfurled his umbrella and kept driving.

His White House office, like Gates, is compact and strategically located. Little larger than a broom closet, it flanks the West Wing entrance just across the lobby from the Oval Office. It is stuffed with color-coded folders marked SECRET, photos of Gates' family on backpacking trips, a Dictaphone, a big secure telephone and a regular White House phone console that often crupts with a steady, insistent ring. "Yes, sir," Gates answers. "Yes, Mr. President ... I'll get right on it, sir.'

On the wall only a few feet in front of his desk is an aphorism, the source of which Gates has forgotten. "The easiest way to achieve complete strategic surprise," it reads, "is to commit an act that makes no sense or is even self-destructive." Gates says he finds this a useful admonition when trying to understand the Saddam Husseins of the world. He hopes to take it with him when he returns to the CIA. Reported by Bruce van Voorst/Washington

tos of the facility: perhaps that the CIA was training midgets for some covert mission.

He was working at the White House back when George Bush was CIA director, and the two didn't meet then. But Gates astutely courted Bush once he became Vice President. arranging briefings for Bush before he attended funerals of foreign leaders. When Gates was appointed deputy CIA director in 1986, he asked Bush to swear him in. After Gates moved to the Bush White House in 1989, he, unlike previous Deputy National Security Advisers, was invited to attend almost all the meetings Scoweroft holds with Bush, including each morning's round of intelligence and national-security

Gates has long expressed deep skepticism toward Soviet reform efforts. "The reformers." Gates said in a speech this month, "must overcome not just 70 years of Communist history, but a thousand years of Russian history, a history that has never known government other than autocracy." such public pessimism. Gates was slapped down first by Secretary of State George Shultz, then by his successor, James Baker. And on Gates' first trip to the Soviet Union, with





Can Catholic Schools Do It Better?

Yes, with less money, more selectiveness and rigor, they produce better students—and now want to sell that fact

By SAM ALLIS BOSTON

merica's parochial schools have often served as a reproach to the troubled public ones in their communities. Unburdened by the bureaucracy and lethargy that bedevil most big-city school systems, and with a tradition of emphasizing discipline and academic rigor, they have generally been able to turn out better graduateswhile often spending less than half the money per pupil. Now the Roman Catholic Church, worried about declining enrollments and honeful about the emerging political sentiment to allow public school parents greater choice in where they send their kids, has launched the most extensive marketing campaign ever for its brand of education. Billboards, banners and posters will be blanketing the nation with the message: DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 1992

The Archdiocese of Chicago alone plants to lease 50 billboards as part of the mammoth promotion. Nationwide, each of the church's 7,291 elementary schools and 1,296 high schools will be asked to market an array of buttons. T shirts, pins, decals,

posters, videos and banners that bear the logo of a proud galleon slieng through the word of a proud galleon slieng through the source. Kin well be sold that instruct local administrators on how to place ads. write press releases and chrocograph a monthhy-month promotional campaign. Says Sister Ann Dominie Reach, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Buston: "This is not businesseas usual."

The campaign, which is designed to ignite the faithful as well as self-non-Catholies and political leaders on the excellence of parachial schools, promotes them as "the best-kept secret in the U.S." This they are not—parochial schools have been part of U.S. education since the mid-19th century, and currently serve 2.5 million children. The real secret is how these schools have been able to do more (told) and have been able to do more (told) duality and feasus on fundamentals could serve as model for public school systems seeking to conquer the problems of drugs, violence, las standards and low morale.

Statistical evidence of the parochial system's success is striking. James Cole-

man, a University of Chicago sociologist. has found that Catholic high school students outperform their public school counterparts in reading, vocabulary, mathematies and writing. The dropout rate in Catholic high schools was less than 4%, he discovered, compared with more than 14% in public schools Black or Hispanic students are three times as the school counterparts. Sume SN® of the graduates go to college, in contrast to 52% of those from public school.

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To some extent such comparisons are unfair. The public systems are required to service, at tremendous cost, suddens with severe learning disabilities, physical handicaps and discipline problems. In addition, public schools must take everyone, where sether than the characteristic of the public schools from the third public schools tend to be from families motivated to find them a good education.

Even in the inner cities. Calabule, schools have been successful in attracting—and educating—children from poor and minority families willing to bear the cost. The sacrifice is often heavy, high school tutions can approach \$430.00. Nevertheless, minority enrollment in the Califice system is now "250" of "West on you will do not be to be compared to the condition of the condition that could talk about was who was falled when "recalls Laura Williams, a black Baptist whom." recalls Laura Williams, to the condition of the cold talk about was who was flaunded the Academy of St. Benedict the Africanon Chicago's South Side.

How do the Catholic schools do it? Mostly by practicing and presching oldfashioned stuff: values, discipline, educational rigor and parental accountability, coupled with minimal boreaucrasy. "Catholic schools have had to make a virtue out of necessity," and the stuff of the couple of the properties of the couple of the couple of the properties of the couple of the couple of for decades to stretch small budgets." It adds, up to what Coleman calls "satired" to what Coleman calls "sa-

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Catholic educators are proud that their institutions eschew the shopping-mall approach they see in public high schools where students shop around for courses among endless electives. Their high

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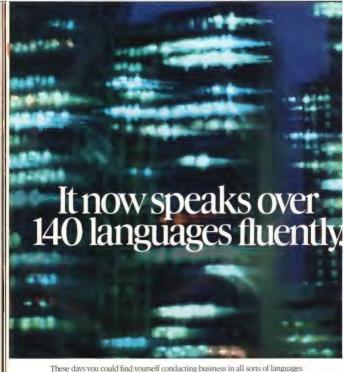


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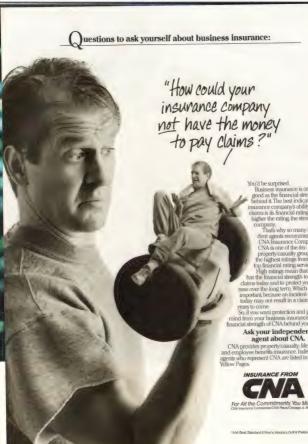
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schools routinely offer fewer electives and require a heavier load of basics than do innercity public schools: four years of English; three years or more of math; three years of science. foreign language and social science; and at least one year of computer science. Students must show proficiency in a course before they can move up a grade. Period

The parents of non-Catholie students, who account for about 12% of enrollment. seem less worried about the religious instruction their chil-

dren may absorb than about the absence of values in the public system. This parental acceptance is largely the result of the self-selecting nature of parochial schools. Catholic administrators make it clear in advance that their institutions teach the tenets of the church. Parents comfortable with that arrangement are

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	High school	30:1	18:1
Percentage of students who graduated on time 38%			99%
Students in special-education classes 119,858		100	
Spending per student	\$	7.107	\$1,735
Average teacher salary	\$3	9.136	\$22,550
Administrators at headquarters		3,930	Wil bergin line

free to apply, "I'm not Catholic, but we're all serving the same God," says Betty Pitts, a black parent of two children in Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school in Boston's Jamaica Plain section. "When the children are grown, they'll make up their own minds.

Then why the marketine push now?

For all their advantages, parochial schools badly need funds. They have lost half their students and 2,500 of their schools during the past 25 years as part of the general movement to suburbia. Inner-city schools are still vulnerable as working-class Catholics continue to migrate to the suburbs. Moreover, the cadre of women in religious orders who traditionally taught in Catholic schools continues to decline, and lay teachers, often with families, demand higher salaries.

By publicizing the advantages that parochial schools can offer, the church hopes to help a good system thrive once again. In the process, by increasing a sense of competition for students and an awareness of the value of a rigorous education, the campaign could even serve to spur the nation's public schools.

Press

CNN in the Neighborhood

Filling a niche in metropolitan markets, local 24-hour news channels are sprouting across the country on cable

The January 1990 crash of an Avianca jet near Kennedy Airport was the sort of local disaster that gets TV news departments pumped up-and often brings in Emmys. But the first station to arrive at the crash site in Cove Neck, L.I., was not one of the big boys from New York City. It was a crew from News 12, a 24-hour cable channel seen only on suburban Long Island. One of the channel's satellite trucks happened to be half a mile away when word of the crash came over the police scanner. The crew raced to the scene and provided dramatic footage that was picked up by all three networks. The coverage even, yes, won an Emmy

News 12, launched in 1986 by Cablevision, is the vanguard of a growing array of efforts to provide local news-and lots of it-on the same basis as CNN. In Orange County, near Los Angeles, an all-news channel was started last September by the Freedom newspaper chain, owner of the Orange County Register, TC1 Cable and the local Fox station are teaming up to create a 24-hour news channel for Chicago, set to debut this summer. A similar oneration for the Washington area will be launched in September by Albritton Communications, and Time Warner has announced plans to start a 24-hour news channel for New York City in early 1992.

The new entries are striving to fill what many see as a substantial gap in local TV news. In large metropolitan areas, stations cannot come close to covering the welter of communities that make up their regionespecially with more and more air time being devoted to sensational crimes, celebrity fluff and network promotions ("The real story behind Switched at Birth-at 11"). Cable systems, which serve more circumscribed areas, have jumped in with a fresh twist: the news they provide is hyperlocal.



Going hyperlocal: on the set of the Orange County NewsChannel

Long Island's News 12, for example, starts each morning with a news radiostyle mix of news, weather and the inevitable traffic reports, live from key points on the Long Island Expressway. The channel has extensively covered everything from unsolved cop killings to controversial local issues like garbage dumping. Boasts executive producer Drew Phillips: "Nobody can make a move without us knowing about it.'

Orange County NewsChannel, seen in 350,000 cable homes, has a similar newsradio approach-its traffic reporter goes by the moniker Dr. Drive-but offers broader horizons. During the gulf war, an OCN crew traveled to Saudi Arabia and Israel to interview Orange County natives there. The station's success is being monitored by other urban newspapers, which are considering all-news cable stations as a way to expand their franchises in a sluggish market for print media.

With enormous amounts of air time to fill, these all-news channels can be dull and repetitive. Their audiences, moreover, are still small; neither of the local news channels now in operation is turning a profit. But industry observers contend that these channels fill a need, and will eventually attract plenty of viewers and provide a lucrative advertising niche. "News is the most expensive programming," says media analyst Paul Kagan, "But for a cable system. it is a big traffic builder." So those traffic reports will come in handy By Richard Zoglin, Reported by Patrick E. Cole/Los An-

geles and Leslie Whitaker/New York

Environment

Getting Blacker Every Day

The Kuwaiti oil-fire fallout could be worse than expected: it may affect hundreds of millions of people from Africa to the Indian subcontinent

By EUGENE LINDEN

the deed are buried. The wounded have been treated. But the devastation wrought by Saidam Hussein's demented destruction of Kuwait's oil welfs has only just begun. Three months after trajit traps began blowing up 60th welfs in Kuwait, an estimated 50th offers are sold burning, perpetuating the most monomade information of the most strangle to queech the lames, a job that may take two years, the tell on the region's environment and the bealth of its people will continue to rise.

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The gulf region is about to enter a parcularly delicate period, when the shamal winds in Iran, Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula create huge sandstorms that blow southward. This year's storms could suck up soot from the oil fires and unusually large amounts of dirt loosened by explosions and the movement of armies during the war. Intensified by heat from the fires. the storms could spread a mist of soot and oil across a belt of countries, ranging from Saudi Arabia to India. Apart from posing a health threat to the people closest to ground zero, the pollution is likely to harm wildlife, agriculture and fisheries. At worst, fallout from the oil fires may disrupt the region's annual monsoon rains



No matter what happens, Saddam Hussein has already become the most significant player on the world environmental scene in 1991. At a time when nations are trying to muster the will to control greenhouse gases and thus reduce the threat of global climate change, Saddam's eco-terrorism raised the amount of carbon dioxide that humans are pumping into the atmosphere by up to 2%. Kuwait's fires are putting out as much CO, as all the cars. homes and industries of France. While these emissions will stop when the fires are put out, the gas will remain aloft for 100 years. Trying to reduce CO, output by an equivalent amount will be difficult, even for the world's largest economies, says Rafe Pomerance, a senior associate at Washington's World Resources Institute.

A mive pressing worry for the people of the gulf region is the unknown health effects of the pall of pollution. Not only have black smoke and ads darkened Kwasis's middley skies, but unhurned and partially burned oil is also spewing from the wellteands. Someone standing near the al-Ahmadi oil field under the standing health of the standing he

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Some hospitals have reported a firmatic increase in respiratory cases. Distors in al-Alimadi are seeing a rise in brochitis and three times the usual numberashma victums. Dr. Edward Beattle, a linspecialist at New York City's Beth Isra-Medical Center, says there may also! a cases of oil pneumonia, a potentially fat ailment in which oil smothers the tiny: says in the lungs.

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The effect of the pollution on weather patterns could be even more calamitous. Last week Farouk El-Baz, director of Boston University's Center for Remote Sensing, proposed a new theory of how the oil fires could hurt millions of people by affecting life-giving monsoons in July and August. El-Baz, who just completed a research trip

to the gulf region, derives his ideas in part from an earlier analysis he did of the impact of the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. Soil stirred up by that conflict doubled the intensity and frequency of the shamal sandstorms. El-Baz believes that the much heavier bombing and widespread trench digging in the latest war produced the material for even more intense conditorms which will combine with oil mist and soot from the fires. He argues that the heat from

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the inferno has created a new high-pressure system, which might push the monsoon line farther south than its normal seasonal position. Furthermore, El-Baz Jears that particles in the air might seed the clouds so that rain falls over the Indian Ocean rather than the adjacent land.

Such a disturbance of the monsoon would cause a major disaster. For instance, rains over the Ethiopian highlands supply 80% of the water that feeds the Nile. If those rains fell offshore, the tens of millions of people in that already drought-stricken

region would suffer even more grievously.
Parts of Yemen, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and India could be similarly affected.

The dynamics of the monsoon are so variable and complicated that even if the rains fail this summer, it will be difficult to prove that the oil fires caused the trouble. On the basis of fluctuations in Pacific Ocean

temperatures. Jagadish Shukka director of the University of Maryland's Center for Ocean-Land-Atmo-sphere Interactions, is predicting that this year's rains will be less than normal. Shukla and others wonder whether the heat from the fires is sufficient to affect a few of the control of the

dust and oil indicates that a high-pressure system, which could drive the grimy cloud southward, is already in place. Even if the rains do come, the sulfurladen smoke and soot may make the soil too acidic for crops to grow. Considering the

This Kuwaiti is one of many

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laden smoke and soot may make the soulton acidic for crops to grow. Considering the scale of these threats, it is surprising that or ganized efforts to gather information about the fires are only just getting under way. Last week a team of scientists sponsored by the Defense Nuclear Agency, the National Science Foundation and the National Geographic Society, among others, began their first flights or analyze the composition, density and persistence of the smoke. One important question: Does the smoke naturally repel water or, as El-Baz and some other scientists suspect, actually seed clouds by providing nuclei for mindroys.

The Bush Administration seems to be downplaying the impact of the fires-perhaps because it does not want to raise any doubts about the wisdom of the gulf war. A preliminary report issued last month by the Environmental Protection Agency admitted that particles in the smoke could be a "major hazard" but contended that there was little immediate risk to healthy Kuwaitis from noxious gases, a finding that astounded some observers. Physicist Henry Kendall, chairman of the Union of Coneerned Scientists, says the fires are burning with a poor 70% to 90% efficiency, guaranteeing that a stew of poisons is being shot into the atmosphere.

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COVER STORY

Fantasy's Reality

Orlando, the boomtown of the South, is growing on the model of Disney World: a community that imitates an imitation of a community

By PRISCILLA PAINTON ORLANDO

t takes people a while to get used to triving in Orlando. This is a city where they vacuum the streets at night and disinfect the public telephones with £20st, where the atroport has a most your habeags at Hubeag World. "At first Orlando weirded me out." "asys Bob 5s monts, 28. a producer from Los Angeles who fillned a movie there." "I saw it as a hig Danes production. It seemed like a fraud. a city on overlead. Work I love the place. Dennish the Memore on acid."

If Simonds seems to be groping for a gigger of speech, so is everyone clee who passes through Orlando. Yet in one sense, what is happening in central Florida is as old as the nation. Americans have always built new communities in the image of earlier one—from New Amsterdam to Siam Francisco's Chinatown to Miami's Little Hawana. In another sense, the phenomenon of Orlando is something new. Orlando, the boomtown of the South, is growing at a staggering pace on the model of Disney World: it is a community that initiates an initiation of a community.

Orlando's destiny was scaled on Dispo Day, Oct. 1, 1971, when Disney World opened wide its gates. Since then, the swamp, once alled Mosquito County, has become the top commercial tourist destination in the world. Currently it draws 1.35 million people a year up from 4 6 miltimation in the wast armed, in surposed only one in 1980. As a shrine, it is surposed only one in 1980, as a shrine, it is surposed only control of the country of the country (76.300), with the highest occupancy rate (76.300), with the highest occupancy rate (79%). More than 18 million passengers arrive at Orlando International Airport every year, three times the number entering 10 years ago—and, if the planners are right, half the number who will alight three years from now. Cities from Rio to Frankfurt have direct flights to the Disney doorstep, and airport officials are already preparing for a day in the next century when tourists from San Francisco will hop across the con-

tinent in 39 commuting minutes. Disney World lures them, but Disney World can't keep them. So people who are enthused about Disney's meticulous vision of social order are moving next door to Orlando-in droves. In the past decade the population of Seminole, Osceola and Orange counties (which cradle Orlando) has swelled by 102 people a day, to slightly more than I million, which is as if the entire population of Tulsa had pulled up stakes and moved there. In the same period, the region led the nation in creating new factory jobs-nearly 2,500 a yearwhile employment in the service sector increased 137.9%. Tupperware and Martin Marietta have been in Orlando for 40 years, but they have recently been joined by other bedrock institutions like Westinghouse, the American Automobile Association and AT&T

High-tech businesses were attracted decades ago to Cape Canaveral. 40 miles away, and they are still coming. Today they are creating jobs in Orlando at a rate three times the national awerage. Parfort misses, infrared salps for night warfare and other inventions of the Star Wars era are assembled only a few miles from the site assembled only a few miles from the site assembled only a few miles from the site based in George Lucas. Star Wars. Disney World has the Space Mountain roller coaster; Orlando has FreeElight Zepturabilis, a firm that is experimenting with

wind-tunnel technology to simulate a skydiving experience on the ground. Disney's Epcot Center has Michael Jackson in 3-D as Captain Eo: Orlando created the simulators on which allied pilots learned to aim their smart bombs.

The movie industry too has moved in. Bath Universal and Disney hove built studies hard by Dianey World, helping to give Orlando the nickname "Hollywood East." Universal has constructed six sound stages and the largest back lot outside Hollywood. In the past two years, as many as 12 feature films, 500 television episodes and dozens. of commercials have been made

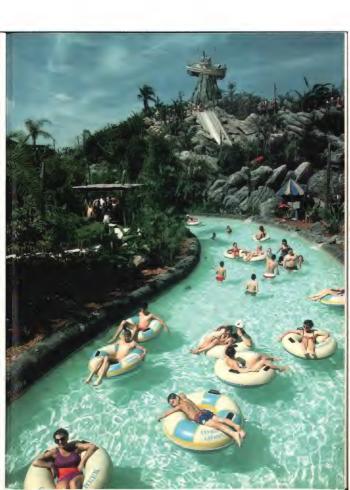
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believe has put some zip into local gossip columns. Hollywood celebrities pop up regularly. Some, like Steven Spielberg and Robert Earl, the British mastermind behind the international chain of Hard Rock Cafes, have even bought homes in Orlando. The area, says Earl, is "full of millionaires driving trucks and wearing jeans."

Millionaires in jeans is the stuff of ordinary boomtowns. But not every boomtown

Swept away: vacationers paddle in Typhoon Lagoon, where 4½-ft, waves crash on the

shore every 90 seconds





City of light: Orlando at night, the time when workers vacuum litter off the streets has the Mouse as its Medici. When the \$5.8 billion Walt Disney organization established itself near Orlando, it settled on a

43-sq.-mi. property (twice the area of Manhattan) and won from the Florida legislature a sovereignty often compared to the Vatican's, Above all, it brought to Orlando the power of the Disney ethos, which can never be overstated. Executives have traveled to the park to learn about the Disney style of management, which trains employees to cherish Walt, despise stray gum wrappers, follow a manual that sets the hem length of costumes to the exact inch and put on a smile all day every day, KGB agents have visited the park to line up for photographs with Mickey Mouse. Cultural anthropologist Umberto Eco has studied the Disney iconography. Novelists like Max Apple have produced mythical tales about the park's genesis in Orlando. And so many terminally ill children have made a trip to Disney World their last wish that a foundation has established a permanent village nearby to accommodate them.

But even Walt, ambitious social engineer that he was, might have been taken aback by the adoption of his commercial vision as Orlando's urban-planning model. Many new arrivals value the place because it offers the virtues of an escape; it is a subur-

ban sprawl that strives to eliminate every wind of vecatious complexity. "People come here because they know it's going to safe," says Thomas Williams, head of Universal Studios Florida. "They don't have to worry about the wather. They don't have to worry about the seafe, says proken into. They don't even have to worry about the seafer they are going to be sure to the same going to be sure to the same going to be sure to the same state of the same going to be sure who moved there in 1978: "It's like a voluntary conformity, You kind of feel seduced away from reality, But maybe I'm wrong, maybe this is reality." Charles Givens, an Orlandor resident whose book Wealth Williams.

Strange but True

Osceola County, just south of Disney World, has one mobile home for every two houses.

If one person ate one hamburger at each of three meats a day, it would take about 12 years to consume the number of burgers served in one day at Disney World.

■ The energy emitted by the steam and flame effects at Universal Studio's Kongfrontation would heat 1,500 homes a day.

More than nine tons of man-made snow fall at Sea World's Penguin Encounter daily.

■ The oddest natural curiosity in the area is Spook Hill, 50 miles south of Disney World, where drivers can shift their cars into neutral and mysteriously roll backward "up" toward the top.

out Risk has been on the best-seller list for more than two years, puts it another way: "The best place to live is where everybody wants to vacation."

But about 20 miles away at Disney World, many tourists hold just the opposite: the best place to vacation is the place where you, can only dream of living. "It brings you back to a moral, clean time that today, we've lost," says Shirley Schwartz, 44, of Wayne, N.J. Praise of Disney World time of the disnorder and uninghilmes in the rest of America. "Do you see amybody here bying on the street or begging for money?"

Do you see anyone jumping on your car and wanting to clean your wind-shield—and when you say no, they get abusive?" asks Linda Staretz, 48, of Livingston, N.J. "Look at the quality of the people. Doesn't that say anything?"

What it says is that Disney World is predominantly white and middle class—and so is Orlando. The city, like Disney World, offers relief not just from the pressures of geography to thistory (more than half the area's population arrived during the past 20 years) but, most of all, from contending ethnicity. In that sense, Orlandos a new peechological frontier, a jumpingodf place for a second that relief to the proposed of the pro

Orlando spends tax money, for

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example, to have workers pick eigarettes out of tree planters, but the Florida Symphony Orchestra, one of Orlando's major cultural adornments, aimost folded four months ago for lack of community support. Orlando faces all the pressing burdens of a boomtown, from lengthening traffic lines on its highways to pollution in its lakes, but the region will not raise taxes to deal with them. (Orange County has lowered its property-tax rate almost annually since 1969.) In the post-Disney real estate explosion, bureaucrats, farmers and tire salesmen have become instant millionaires, but so little money has been spent on the overcrowded regional school system that some classes have been taught in gym storage rooms. About 15,000 people pack the Orlando Arena for every game of the Orlando Magic, the two-year-old National Basketball Association team; but residents and civic leaders in Orange and Osceola counties complain that the area lacks a sense of community responsibility. "It's a lot easier to pull for the hometown team than to volunteer at a hospital," says Linda Chapin, chairman of Orange County. Says her counterpart in Osceola, Jim Swan: "It's hard to govern when you have no clear idea what kind of place a place wants to be.

If Orlando does not know what it wants to be, it knows at least how it wants to behave; cheerfully, at all cost. Boosterism is almost a civic duty, with a Disnevesque tinge. The city's pitch for a National League baseball team included a promise to build not just a concrete mega-ballpark but an old-time, intimate "field," Orlando hopes to embrace mass transit, but an oldfashioned trolley line is getting priority over a modern elevated rail system. Orlando basketball games are not games but "theatrical productions," in the words of Magic manager Pat Williams. He spent more than a year searching for the fabric and color of the team's unitorm. "Disney sets the tone for everything in Orlando, he says.

efore Disney World, Orlando's attractions were the Tupperware Museum and Gatorland, where visitors could watch alligators lunging for chicken carcasses. Gatorland is still there. but now there are Sea World and Reptile World, Wet 'n Wild and the Mystery Fun Orlando, restaurants, hotels, shops and golf courses all want to be theme parks, or at least themes. A store selling Christmas trinkets is called Christmas World. There are Bargain World, Hea World, Bedroom Land and Waterbedroom Land. At the Medieval Times restaurant, patrons can eat roast meat with their hands and watch knights in armor joust on horseback. At the Arabian Nights, sheiks steal gossamerclad princesses during dinner shows. Orange County's most famous golf course, the Grand Cypress resort, has reconstructed the layout of the hallowed Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland, The Florida Peabody Hotel copies a ritual of the original Peabody in Memphis; every day at the appointed hour, mallard ducks waddle off the elevator to wade in the lobby's marble

Orlando's residential subdivisions have the same dreamed-in feel: strung along narrow county roads, many are pastel ag glomerations of arbitrary architecture, all hehind secure walls. "When you drive around Orlando," says John Rothchild, author of Up for Grabs, a cultural anthropology of Florida, "it's not clear where Disnev World begins and ends.

That's because the city and the park are looking more like each other every day. The heart of Disney World is Main Street U.S.A.-constructed, at the creator's House, Xanadu and Cypress Gardens. In specifications, so that the buildings are subtly miniaturized. "This costs more, Walt Disney said, "but made the street a toy, and the imagination can play more freely with a toy. Besides, people like to think their world is somehow more grown up than Papa's was." Now architect Andres Duany wants to bring a residential equivalent of Main Street to eastern Orange



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County. His proposal is named Avalon Park, a 9,400-acre community made up of compact neighborhoods with convivial squares. Like Disney World. Avalon would be strollable and full of shops and parks, and like Disney World, it would be built in the middle of nowhere. In nearby Osceola

of residential utopias, harking back, in a way, to Walt's original concept for Epcot. His Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow was intended to be sealed under a glass dome to keep out heat and humidity. It was to have had stores, apartments, schools, churches, offices, marinas, parks, County, Disney is getting into the business golf courses, a monorail, a vacuum-tube

trash-disposal system, a central computer controlling everything from streetlights to hotel reservations-and it was to have housed temporary residents who were to

abide by Disney codes of dress and behavior. Epcot never took that form, in part, according to author John Taylor, because Walt realized he would have had to subsi-



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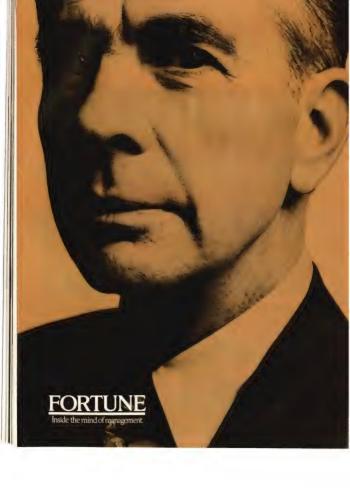
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A FEW COMPELLING REASONS FOR DOUBLE-HULLE OIL TANKERS.

Last year. Du Pont announced that its energy unit. Conoco, would pioneer the use of new double-hulled oil tankers to help safeguard the environment

Estimates indicate that they'll cost 50 million dollars each about 15% more than conven-tional oil tankers. And, they'll carry about 10% less oil.

four estimates also indicate they could eliminate or signifi-cantly reduce the damage from oil spills, saving thousands of sea birds, otters, sea lions, dolphins and other sea life.

The reaction has been over-whelmingly positive







dice residents to attract them to his closely monitored community. Epocl today is a permanent world's fair that includes two sests of parditions exientific ones fast cele-brate mankind's technological mustery of the universe and a clutch of brough lands without masses of foreigners—I1 cultural boutiques that if a round a manemade lagons as a symbol of thorant fellowship money of the community of the community of the community of the communities without the countries you would go to." sags visitor Sandy Hyde of Hacienda Heights, Cafil

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The concept of Epoot is resonating through another fantastical project, which is being promoted off Port Canaveral. 40 miles to the east. Developers have proposed a St billion "etiny of tomorrow" that would be built on the world's largest cruse ship, capable of bandling 5.600 passengers. The floating city, like Epoct, would mis.

pleasure and pedagogy alongside the three hotel towers, cisins and villages abourd the nearly quarter-mile-long vessel would be a 100,000-volume library and a glant conference center. At sea or in port, Phoenix World City would be a "place where the hest of a civilization converges and cross-fertilizes to produce a fuller way of life," according to a florid bruehure.

A group of Soviet and Alioskan businessmen, in the meantime, have come to town proposing to build what they are calling Perestroys APalace, a park for doesn, diplomacs and dealmaking. Plans call for an \$18 million palace modeled after \$18. miles [1]. Cathedral in Misesuw's Red Square, linked Trading-cumpany pool by a bridge over a man-made reproduction of the Bering Strati.

Another developer has picked Orlando to a project on an even higher plane: a 488-ace theme park called Vedaland, selectually the plane is a selectualled to open in 1993. The Maharshi Mahash Yogi, the saffron-robed Indian agrow sho brought transcendental meditation to the world (and to the Beatles), has treamed upwith magician Doug Henning to produce a spiritual equivalent of gournet IV dinners, a high-tech, fakery-filled play-ground, oxtensibly to help put man in harmony with nature. The 38 artractions will

Hardening all the arteries: a highway near Orlando is clogged with traffic and road signs

above a pond, a chariot ride inside the "molecular structure" of a rose and a journey over a fabricated rainbow. Naturally, there are unbelievers Says Orlando Sentinel columnist Robert Morris. "Somehow I just earl' picture Buster and Betty Lunchbucket of Racine. Wis., along with all the little Lunchbuckets, lining up to get m touch with their inner selves."

Orlando has also spawned a number of homegrown financial visionaries, like Glenn Turner, whose name is to financial pyramids what Ivan Boesky's is to insider trading. Before his "dare to be great" marketing schemes earned him a seven-year jail a \$3.5 million Cinderella-like castle near Orlando and set his theme song to the tune of the Mickey Mouse Club anthem ("Now's the time to say goodbye to all our poverty M-A-K ... I-N-G ... M-O-N-E-Y"). While Turner sits in prison, one of his disciples, best-selling author Givens, is prospering in Orlando. Givens bought a lakewhite BMW convertible, a white stretch Lincoln limo and a white Excalibut convertible. Givens married the former Miss Sexy Orlando, and is getting rich through

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his books (along with Wealth Without Risk, there is the newly released Financial Self-Defense) and financial-advice club by spreading something akin to the Disney spirit. "Life should be lived like a movie" is one of his favorite mottoes.

Beyond wealth without risk, what else should a 21st century American meeca offer its pilgrims? How about eternal life? Social worker Jerry Schall, 46, claims to have discovered the Fountain of Youth near Orlando, and five years ago rented billboard space in his hometown of Philadelphia to advertise its existence. (Schall claims that the miraculous rill is somewhere in the woods, a 35-minute drive from Disney World.) He

says he was "disillusioned" with the apathetic response he received, but who needs the Fountain of Youth when Disney's own powers of rejuvenation are well known? "The place makes me feel like I'm living all over again, like I have a second wife," says Louis Schein, a septuagenarian visitor to the theme park. He illustrated the point by opening his umbrella and beginning a little shuffle to the tune of Singin' in the Rain.

Orlando offers hope for spiritual immortality too. Campus Crusade for Christ, an evangelical group that plans to bring the Gospel to 6 billion people worldwide by the year 2000), is moving its headquarters from San Bernardino. Calif., to the area. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which owns a ranch in rural Orange, Osceola and Brevard counties 10 times the size of Disney's prop-

erty, wants to build a community for 10,000

families. Even Tammy Faye Bakker, the wife of defrocked televangelist Jim Bakker, has moved the vestiges of their New Covenant Ministries to a warehouse on the outskirts of Orlando: Tupperware salespeople once used the place to hold inspirational meetings. Standing in a sanctuary with pink walls, a pink rug and large brass giraffes around the altar, she reveals that Disney World holds the secret of her intended comeback. "The spiritual person and the person who wants to have fun, it's the same thing," says Bakker, who helped her husband build Heritage USA, the giant Christian theme park in Fort Mill, S.C., that went under. "When you're in Disney, you have hope that things can be better. And when we know God, there's always hope for a better place, which is of course heaven. While Orlando's entrepreneurs sell in-

stant Edens, Orlando residents are finding that their earthly garden is being turned upside down. The last orange grove on Orange Avenue was knocked down in 1977. A tourist's only glimpse of the crop that once supported Orlando's economy is likely to be the miniature orange trees "that really bear fruit" sold in souvenir shops. In the past 20 years at least four of the city's main thoroughfares have become cluttered with fast-food joints, gift shops, motels, hotels and gas stations that mount a neon assault (\$2.99 FOR MICKEY MOUSE!) on passersby On some strips, condominiums and steak

houses have been put up a few yards from

Knights of the ground-round table: diners at Medieval Times restaurant

pastures where cows are still grazing. "It's ugly, it's awful, it's appalling," says Sentinel columnist Morris. "You live here every day as a Floridian with a tremendous sense of loss." The former mayor of Orlando. Carl Langford, chose to retire somewhere else. "I spent 30 years of my life trying to get people to move down there, and then they all did," he says from his new home in Maggie Valley, N.C.

Orange County commissioner Bill Donegan, who grew up in California, sees signs that Orlando could become the next Los Angeles. Traffic on Interstate 4, which runs through the heart of the city, slows to a long standstill at rush hour. A regional planning group has said the highway will need 22 lanes by the year 2000; it now has six. A beltway that will run from the airport around the city is being started just as the head of

Disney Attractions, Dick Nunis, is beginning to talk about the need for a second such artery. And so far, no one can agree on where, or even whether, to build a public transportation system for the metro area.

Perhaps the clearest indication of the area's hypertrophy is the state of its public schools and welfare agencies. There the precarious prosperity of a low-paying but fast-growing service sector is quickly exposed, Osceola County had only 19,000 residents in 1960; now it has that many hotel rooms. Many of the maids and clerks who work in them earn \$4 to \$6 an hour

without health insurance in a community that requires a car. They are a mishap away from poverty. "Many people come down here chasing the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but they come down unprepared," Sally David, who helps steer new families to affordable housing in the county. "They don't have enough money to survive if their car breaks down or if they have to go home

when they don't make it." The lucky members of this fragile immigrant class live in Osceola's throng of trailers. Welfare workers, who have more than tripled their case loads in the past decade, report finding newcomers sleeping in cars or in the wonds. At Osceola High School last year, transience was the only constant: 700 of the school's 2,200 students were newcomers; 500

students withdrew before the end of the term. "Kids in the classroom don't even know the other kids in the classroom. The teacher has to say, 'Hey, you,' and point, says David Campbell, executive director of the county's mental-health agency. The Orange County school system is so overcrowded that temporary classrooms have gone up on almost all the 112 school sites.

Part of this mess came about because Orlando's glowing prospects turned nearly everyone into a developer. Land that went for \$200 an acre before Disney Day can soar overnight to \$100,000 on the rumor that Disney is nosing around. Even Herbie Pugh, one of the area's most vocal environmentalists, admits that he sold 10 acres to a developer eight years ago and pocketed \$100,000 in return. "They offered me such a good price, I couldn't resist," he says. Climatic freezes that devastated the orange groves three times in the past 10 years have added to the frenzy by driving farmers into developers' arms.

County commissioners say that until recently, any discussion of controlling growth brought changes of commission. Now local leaders say residents have pulled the growth alarm, but in petty ways, and without a corresponding sense of commisment to the metropolitan region as a whole. Or ange County commissioner Domeston and County of the C

their neighborhood because they were convinced that the project would raise the value of their homes and thus

their tax bills. Part of Orlando's evident lack of a psychological core comes from the fact that the area has never had any control over the bonanza that has given it definition. In 1967. Walt Disney persuaded the Florida legislature to give him absolute power over his newly purchased domain in the form of a government of his own, seated on the Disney property, with its own fire department, taxation authority and building codes. As a courtesy every year, Disney issues to the surrounding counties an official communication called the "State of Our World" address, which spells out the theme park's plans. The only people allowed to vote in elections affecting the entire Disney property, officially christened the Reedy Creek Improvement District, are its landowners, which means Disney and a handful of others chosen by the company. "They could build a nuclear plant out there, and there'd be nothing we could do about it," Commissioner Donegan says.

isneydom is used to such hyperbole. Company officials say it's the price the firm pays for being the big man in town-the largest taxpayer (\$23 million a year), the largest employer (33,000 workers) and the largest contributor to Florida's tourism industry. In sum. it is the lure for 60% of the 40 million tourists who dump more than \$26 billion into the state economy every year. To charges that Disney is dangerously omnipotent. Disney executive Nunis has a firm retort: "But what have we done wrong? When we came, this was a community that was dving because young people were leaving. Today you name an industry and it now exists in central Florida.

Nonetheless, the county has began to chafe at Disney's power. In 1988. Orange County commissioners threatened to challenge the company's self-governing status after Disney amounteed that it would dualite the number of hotel rooms it owns inside the park area, add a convention center, a see inglitted Pressure Is-vertice workers, as she inglitted Pressure Is-vertice workers, as she inglitted Pressure Is-vertice workers, as the park and a convention center, as she inglitted Pressure Is-vertice workers, as the property. He commission—the property, the commission—the property, the commission—the property is the commission—the property. He commission—the property is the commission—the property is the commission—the property in the commission—the property is the commission of the property in the commission of the property is the commission—the property is the commission—the property is the commission—the property is the commission—the property is the commission of the property in the commission of the property is the commission of the property in the commission of the property is the commission of the property in the commission of the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in the property in the property is the property in the property in th

Even the Basketball Team ...

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- Free the imagination;
- Build with lasting quality in mind;
- Fortitude and perseverance; and Have fun!"

Pat Williams, Orlando Magic basketball-team manager

ers complained. Disney settled in the sammer of 1989 by agreeing to pay the county \$14 million to help defray the costs of widening roads off the park site. In exchange the commissioners agreed not to challenge Disney's dominion for seven more wars.

Everyone seemed happy with the deal until Disney shortly thereafter announced its plan for the '90s; seven more hotels, 29 new attractions; 19,000 more employees and a fourth amusement park. There were cries of betrayal from downtown Orlando. Then the dispute between Disney and the county took yet another turn.

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regional governments to self a limited amount of tax-exempt bands of innuce local projects. Land January 5277 million local projects. Land January 5377 million governments in central First in on a frest council, first-serve basis. Despite a ran-nouncement 52 years earlier that the use of such many for private projects is regional to use. Disney has regularly stood in line for the offerings. This time the company ways at the front of the line it took all \$577 million to uprade the

Disney World sewer system, just when Orange County wanted the funding to build low-income housing.

When word got out that a corporation that a comporation that earned \$703 million in 1989 had appropriated money that could have helped the poor, the public outery could be heard all the way to Fature World. The Orlando Sortiade called Disney the "grinch that stole affordable housing." Disney kept the money, but the controversy forced the company to promise it would not apply for the bonds in 1981.

Disney's image has also suffered from several unpleasantillegalities. Last year it was fined \$550,000 by the Environmental Protection Agency for sewage violations and for improperly

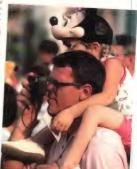
Father and daughter record their Disney World idyll storing toxic works on its property. The company made headlines in 1989 when—in an effort to stop valuese from pecking out the eyes of toxtroises on Discovery Island—Disney, employees apparently tropped and beats the property of the pecking of the eyes of the stories of the eyes of

were dropped. "Walt Disney was the messisal's 444-acre theme park. "Disney saw the future, and it was the themed environment." Ward may be right, but even Disney planners are sometimes surprised by the infectiousness of their founder's idea. Everyone might have been less surprised had they observed the Magic Kingdom's effect on a small corner of nature. When they were creating the theme park, Disney planners turned an island on one of the property's lakes into a semitropical jungle and bird sanctuary, a place of bamboo and palms, of plants from Central and South America, India, China and the Canary Islands. The intention was to populate the island mostly with lifelike robot birds, with a few real ones thrown in for charm's sake. But the living birds attracted hundreds of others, which flew in from all around the region.

Now there are no robots on the island, only a colorful, noisy bird colony, Like Orlando, it is thriving, out of the reach (amost) of predators, deep in Disney World's embrace.

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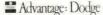


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What Say Should Victims Have?

A boy's anguish at watching the murder of his sister may change the death-penalty laws

By WALTER SHAPIRO

f, as the Declaration of Independence so eloquently declares, "all men are created equal," then can society place an unequal weight on the tragically lost lives of murder victims?

This is not an exam question in a college philosophy course but a moral conundrum at the core of perhaps the most intriguing case facing the U.S. Supreme Court, Payne v. Tennessee. Justice David Souter, the court's swing vote, asked during oral argument last month whether "it really is legitimate to value victims differently depending upon the circumstances of the lives that they have chosen to lead." Tennessee Attorney General Charles Burson's response was unequivocal: "There can be no doubt that the taking of the life of the President creates much more societal harm than the taking of the life of the homeless person.

Just 25 years ago, such stark legal ressoning was virtually unknown in modern American jurisprudence. Punishment was meted out because of the nature of the crime, devoid of any reference to the social identity of the victim. But since then, compassion and political calculation have combined to transform crime victims and their advocates into a potent lobbiving force.

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The details of the case are grisly: in 1987 a three-year-old boy, Nicholas Christopher, watched as his mother and baby sister were stabled to death in Millington. Tenn.. a Memphis suburb. The murders were committed by Pervis Tyrone Payne, a 2b-year-old retarded man, who also badly wounded the boy. Payne's suit is an oil.



In court, Nicholas Christopher's grandmother recounted in heartrending fashion how the boy cries out almost daily for his dead sister

question; in 1988 he was convicted by a Tennessee court.

Instead, what is at issue before the Supreme Court is the legal validity of evidence the prosecution presented to the jury before it decreed death rather than life imprisonment for Payne. The most controversial testimony was provided by the boy's grandmother, Mary Zvolanek, who recounted in heartrending fashion how Nicholas cries out almost daily for his dead sister. The prosecutor ended his final argument to the jury with this emotive passage: "Somewhere down the road, Nicholas ... is going to know what happened to his baby sister and his mother. He is going to know what type of justice was done. With your verdict, you will provide the answer."

But should young Nicholas' anguish have a direct bearing on Payne's pun-simmen? Will a Supreme Court decision-publing Payne's senence create a climate where the waish of a murder victim's relatives will ordain vengence in the form of capital punishment? During the oral argument, for first Jossies William Rehnquist probably Payne's actioner, "Are you suggesting that the jury's feeling of sympathy or perhaps ourrageat the crime and what it's left thever immy the properties of the properties of the promision of the properties of the properties of the promision of the promision feet or at all?"

Like the debate over capital punishment itself, the Parner case is rife with emblematic importance, yet it is only tangentully connected with the nation's alarming murder rate. Currently, the death penalty sederced in only \$%1 call murder convictions, and only a small percentage of these lead to actual executions. The signiflead to actual executions. The signiftune of the significant is also also the significant what it says about the proper role of the errine victim in the criminal issues was tem," argues Richard Samp, a lowyer with the conservative Washington Legal Foundation, which is representing the Zvolanek family. This political symbolism has not been lost on the Bush Administration, Artorney General Dick Thornburgh made a rare appearance before the Supreme Court to argue that a jury should be given "the full picture of the nature and extent of the harm that's been caused to the family."

Critics of the government's position raise provactive philosophical and practical objections to an additional legal enshrimenent of victims' rights. The will take a giant step away from presumptions of equality in the worth of lives, broads. Tufts University philosophy professor Hugo Bedau. "The criminal justice system has traditionally been held to the myth of count reatment of all who come before it."

With serious questions of racial and class bias already swirling around capital punishment, there are concerns that a decision upholding Payne's death sentence will produce further inequities. Hypothetically, the grieving family of a murdered bank president would be persuasive witnesses for the death penalty, while no one would speak for a slain prostitute. Diann Rust-Tierney of the A.C.L.U. is worried that the Supreme Court will "sanction different punishment based on the worth of the victim and aggravate an already pronounced discrimination in the way that the death penalty is applied." There is, sad to say, no way society can

ever provide more than token recompense to the relatives of murder victims. That is why it is an illusion—born of compassion, it is true—that justice can be found by adding their pain to the calculus of retribution in the courtroom.—Reported by

Julie Johnson/Washington

The Watchdog Wakes Up

Food companies can forget the days of anything-goes regulators. A new FDA commissioner is cracking down on deceptive labels.

By ANASTASIA TOUFEXIS

or a while now, the makers of many gegetable oils have had a nice little gimmick going. On their bottles, in big, easy-to-read letters, are the words 'no cholesterol.' sometimes printed with a cute drawing of a healthy heart. The implicit message: Cook all the French fries you want in this oil and don't worry about heart.

The only problem with this marketing ploy is that it is mouses. Cholesteral is found only in fuods from animals, and thus putting "no cholesteral" in a suggestable oil label is misleading. More pertinent to the consumer is the fact that the oils are a liquid form of fat—pure fat. And high-fat dies have been linked to heart disease, breast cancer and a variety of other ailmonts of the disease.

Not so long ago, the food industry could pull this kind of shenningan with impunity. But that was before the emergence of the new Food and Drug Administration. Not the old, demoralized, anything-goes agency whose officials accepted brities for approxing untested generic drugs, but an FDs that seems to be rededicated to protecting the public. Last week the FDs orfored Procter, & Gamble, the manufacturer of Crisco Corn Oil, along with Best Foods, which markets Mazola Corn Oil.

and Great Foods of America, maker of HeartBeat Camoli Oil, to cut out the "no cholesterol" business. While Best Foods and Great Foods, stalled by saying they would work with the 19x to resolve the dispute. PKG went shead and announced it would drop the offending words from Cross—and "Gammaria" bound flores cake mixes. Fisher Nuts, Puritan Oil and Pringle's potatoc thips.

It was the second time in three weeks that the FDA had dared challenge the big food companies. The first target was Citrus Hill Fresh Choice orange juice, another P&G product. After more than a year of wrangling over the word "fresh" (the prodnet is made from concentrate and is pasteurized), the FDA had U.S. marshals impound 24,000 half-gallon cartons of the juice at a suburban Minneapolis warehouse. P&G gave in within two days. Unilever subsidiary Ragu Foods, which since 1989 had been skirmishing over the same word on labels for its processed pasta sauce, soon dropped its light. And earlier this month two other companies revealed that they were removing "fresh" from pasta sauces: Nestlé from the Contadina brand and Kraft from DiGiorno sauce.

The architect of the new FDA is David Kessler, 39, who became commissioner last December. Kessler is a far cry from the Rita Lavelle-style, wine-and-dine-withthe-industry regulators who reigned during the Reagan years. With a degree in medicine from Harvard and one in law from the University of Chicago, he understands health issues and knows how to devise and enforce tough regulations. In the early '80s he served as a consultant on FDA matters to Utah Republican Senator Orrin Hatch. who brought Kessler's talents to the attention of the Bush Administration. But the White House, with its friends in Big Business and its fealty to the philosophy of deregulation, may not have expected so much activism so soon. "I have no problems making decisions," declares Kessler, who is investigating several strategies to bolster FDA enforcement. Among them: levying fines, giving subpoena powers to agency inspectors and searching through corporate

Food companies contend that the confusion about their labeling stems not from deception on their part but from the government's failure to issue clear guidelines to the properties of the state of the contraction of the con-

The agency surely needs better public relations—and much more. A report issued last week by an advisory panel to the Department of Health and Human Ser-

vices concludes that the FDA is understaffed and overwhelmed by its mandate, which ranges from approving drugs and monitoring the nation? blood supply to cheeking food imports and regulating the cosmetic industry. From 1979 to 1988, 23 laws were passed that broadened the FDA's responsibilities at the same time, the agency loss 1900 of

its 8,100 employees. That slide may finally be over. Congress has boosted the agency's budget by \$150 million in the past two years, to \$682 million for 1991, and the number of staff positions is up again to about 8,400. With that backing. Kessler hopes to strengthen the FDA in all areas. By picking on big food companies sensitive to publicity, he has made an astute start at establishing himself-and re-establishing the FDA-as the nation's top health - Reported by Dick Thompson Washington and Linda Williams/New York

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE LABELS?



In just five months, FDA chief Kessler has begun to restore public faith in an agency plagued by underfunding and overwork.



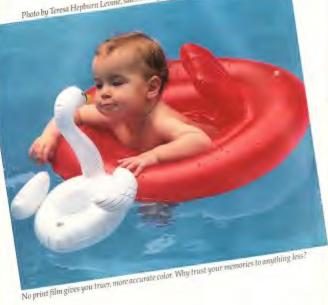


It's misleading: the words "no cholesterol" stripped across a heart imply that this vegetable oil is healthy for the heart. True, it does not contain cholesterol, but, more important, vegetable oils are pure fat, and too much of that hurts the heart.

It's false: the pasta sauce touts itself as "fresh." That may describe the taste, but certainly not the preparation. In fact, the sauce is a precooked concoction of processed tomatoes and soices.



Photo by Teresa Hepburn Levine, sales manager, Bellingham, Mass.





Cinema



Davis and Sarandon portray a lovably eccentric duo driven to crime by an unfeeling society

A Postcard from the Edge

THELMA & LOUISE Directed by Ridley Scott; Screenplay by Callie Khouri

By RICHARD SCHICKEL

The '618 gave us Bonnie and Clyde, Butch and Sundance. The '708 gave us The Sugarland Express and Badlands. Maybe one of the troubles with the '888 was that its movies were singularly lacking in truly memorable outlaw couples. Thehma & Louise is a sign that things are looking up in the '98s.

Ridley Scott's move pays direct, magic the homage to at least three of these predecessors. And first-time writer Callie Rhourt remains true to convention in two important respects; her road-running pair are lowshy eccentric and they are, in the largest sense, innocents. The uncomprehending world may see them as the dangerous perworld may see them as the dangerous perturbed to the control of the control of

But the title clearly announces the film's most significant innovation. Thelma & Louise is the first important movie to plop two women in a car and send them careering down open Western roads with the cops in wheel-spinning pursuit. And it is the first movie to use sexism as the motivating force for their misdeeds.

It starts out larkishly enough. Thelma (Geena Davis) needs a respite from her traditionally male, that is to say, endlessly oinking, husband, and Louise (Susan Sarandon) is tired of waiting for her musican boyfriend to return from his one-night gigs in Ramada Inn cocktail lounges. A weckend at a friend's mountain cabin sounds just right.

Until at their first pit stop, everything starts to go all wrong. For there they encounter a guy named Harlan (Timothy Carhart), who thinks buying a woman a drink entitles him to something more than filtratious conversation. When he tries to rape Thelma in the parking lot. Louise kills him—cold-bloodedly, after he has unhanded her friend. You see there is something dark, something the film never fully explains; in her past.

The only decent male the pair encounter is Half (Harvey Keitel), the detective leading the chase. Mostly they come across a funatic variety of funds and lunks. When the men are not sexually objectifying or exploiting the talkes, they are ripping them off. A convenience-store handi abscands with their getaway money, but not before the part of the convenience store handi abscands for the convenience store handi abscands for the convenience store handi abscands for the convenience store handing the convenience store the conveni

Davis and Sarandon certainly have a knack for playing this relationship. Davis emerges from repression to self-confidence, with a joyous air of self-stonishment, while Sarandon takes a trip in the opposite direction. At the beginning, she's all cool confidence, the practical brains of their jerry-built organization. By the end, life has taught her a thing or two about just how envisional it can be.

how provisional it can be.

Talma & Laurie, file so many movies
of its type, maintains a cheeve, jokey air as
is principals offil toward dissater. Fans of
the smog and fing that director South has
pumped through films like Blade Rumer
and Black Rume will be glad to know that he
has found its equivalent in the data Ricked
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to an audience far larger than its natural
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Mean Season

WHAT ABOUT BOB? Directed by Frank Oz Screenplay by Tom Schulman

nto everybody's life someone like Bob Wiley (Bill Murray) is bound to fall. "Human Krazy Glue" is how Dr. Leo Marvin (Richard Dreyfuss), the failtee in this hilarious case, describes him. For Bob is a classically needy nerd. Having no life of his own. Bob is desperate to attach himself to someone else's existence and draw psychic systemate from it in great, draining aulos.

What better candidate than his newfound shrink? Leo seems to have everything, most especially an ego as massive as Bob's is minuscule. Looks like he ought to have plenty to spare for a destitute patient.

Shows what Bob knows. When he arress, unimited and distinctly unwanted, at the psychiatrist's summer reteat, he finds a family just this sud of dysfunctional. For Loo is totally self-absorbed, He is too full of himself, his hopes that his new book will fit the best-seller charts, his dreams that an impending visit from Good Shorning, dimerica will make him a media star. He has no humpeling to the control of the control of

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Nerd (Murray) meets egomaniac (Dreyfuss)



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By BRUCE W. NELAN

f the two most prominent Washington uments, one is 555 ft, tall, and the other is Clark Clifford, who has practiced law and government in the capital for 46 years. Unlike the marble monument, Clifford inspires genuine awe among even the most jaded political operators: few have served their country more admirably while in government-or greased the wheels so cover 1968, when, as Secretary of Defense, he overcame much of the Washington foreign policy and military establishment in the "war for the President's mind." He and a few allies persuaded Lyndon Johnson to try to "extricate our nation from an endless war." Vietnam, Clifford argued, was "unwinnable at any reasonable level of American participation.

Clifford prefers to see himself as a states-

man using the "art of persuasion," but most of the time, he has been a hired gun in Washington's range wars, a tactician seeking out the right angle of attack. He counseled Jimmy Carter's Budget Director Bert Lance on his banking problems, Speaker of the House Jim Wright on his ethics, and Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas on conflict-of-interest charge

In light of Clifford's current troubles, his reflections on Fortas are heavy with irony. "What had driven a man of such exceptional intelligence to bring himself down through such dubious financial arrangements?" he asks. His answer: Fortas "wanted both the glory of public service and the wealth of a successful private lawyer.



serves, had elements of Greek tragedy. The same is true of Clifford's

present crisis. If he has a tragic flaw, it might be his compulsion to stay in what he calls "Washington's great contest." He was one of the city's most incurable workaholics, putting in nights and weekends at the office so he could take on presidential errands and still have a flourishing practice. When Ronald Reagan took over the White House, and conservative Republicanism became the spirit of the times, Clifford must have felt increasingly outside the power game.

Clifford became chairman of First American Bankshares, Inc., now linked to a shady foreign bank, in 1982, at the age of 75, "I wanted a new challenge in my life, he explains. Perhaps he did not ask himself if what the bank wanted was the legendary power of his name. Today, to his "anger and outrage," he finds he has been used. His reputation for probity and integrity has been sullied, and he has been made to seem either foolish or crooked. Clifford's art of persuasion remains so strong that readers of his book will find it difficult to believe that he is either.



The ultimate insider in his Washington office

To his "anger and outrage," he finds he has been used. effectively for clients after entering private

Though he is now under investigation in a banking scandal, this measured memoir is a reminder that Clifford came by his stature the honest way. A successful St. Louis lawver before World War II, Clifford was called to the White House in 1945 as assistant to Harry Truman's naval aide. He was soon named special counsel to the President. No less than Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Clifford was present at the creation of the policies and institutions that won the cold war: the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the Department of Defense NATO

Clifford also arranged and played in Truman's famous eight-man poker games on the presidential yacht, where he became friendly with powerful politicians who proved useful when he set up his law practice in 1950. Deflecting job offers from several Presidents, Clifford since then has served only nine months in public office. The most compelling chapters in his book

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Imagining Men

THE FIREMAN'S FAIR

by Josephine Humphreys Viking; 263 pages; \$19.95

There is nothing like a 140-m.p.h. wind to get a new slant on things. That, at least, is the premise of Josephine Humphreys' third novel, set in Charleston, S.C., and environs shortly after Hurricane Hugo whipped through in late September 1989.

What more seductive place to locate a story about lower and other disasters? The city has its rresistible charms: 18th century architecture, a dashing 19th century history and old families that have been likened to the ancient Chinese because they eat rice, drink tea and worship their ancestors. Minutes away are the Sea Islands, where the area's oversupply of physicians and lawyers spend languorous weeknoth gunting around in their Boston Whaters, sipping beer and picking.

Humphreys laid claim to this distinctive territory in Dreams of Sleep and Rich in Love. The Fireman's Fair should establish clear title. Her seemingly effortless sense of character and place comes from a life-long association

and its ways. Like

with the Low Country Humphreys

summer heat lightning, her style is subdued and swiftly illuminating. She is also a witry observer of regional manners. A black character, chary about New South liberalism, is described as multilingual since "he could speak the language that his listener wanted to hear."

Nots othe principal character of the new novel, Rob Wayt, a 32-year-old lawyer, is not even sure that he wants to hear his own monologues. He sees himself as a philosophical bigamist wedded to two perspectives: "Robert he Serious, a believer; also Rob the Ironic, jokester and cynic." The Storm rearranges the rhetoric, leaving Rob the Observer, who drops out of his law firm to live at the beach with his day Speedo.

A case of posthurricane depression? A literal-minder reader could argue that. But Humphroys puts the ill wind to figurative and far better uses. A white piano partially sunk in the marsh, a detached spiral staircase coiled against the horizon suggest fresh ways of seeing.

Wyatt has a writer's sensibility, but Humphreys was wise to make him a lawyer. The profession symbolizes convention, respectability and decorum. Were her pro-



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tagonist a writer, expectedly musing at the beach, no one would bother with him. There would be no lovely Louise, former girlfriend and wife of his ex-partner, trying to mother him back to responsibility and solvency. There would be no Billie, the child-woman who, like the dog trainer in Anne Tyler's The Accidental Tourist, teaches new tricks.

Humphreys is a virtuoso of intimation. Her insights and ironies cause twinges rather than shocks of recognition. It is no coincidence that while Wyatt prefers imagining women to handling them, his father is a philanderer who tells his son.

"I'm a man who made a dozen women happy for a short time and one woman unhappy for 45 years." Imagining men, Humphreys artfully brings good news and bad: men are educable, but women still have to do it

Death in Poland

WARTIME LIES by Louis Begley Knopf: 198 pages: \$19

olocaust survivors talk of the shame of being alive. Relatives, playmates, teachers, strangers were shot where they lived or were shipped away and gassed, but they themselves somehow did not die. Why? By what justice?

Louis Begley, a Manhattan lawyer, was a young boy in eastern Poland when World War II broke out. In a remarkable, elegiac novel that surely is mostly memoir, he walks the poisoned ground. His narrator, Maciek, is the son of a prosperous Jewish doctor. Maciek's mother died in childbirth. but a large, protective family surrounds him: grandparents, servants, neighbors, a nursemaid named Zosia and a beautiful aunt, Tania. But solidity melts away as the war and the Jew hunting begin. Maciek's father is evacuated by Russian troops, Tania becomes the mistress of a German officer. She and Maciek resettle as Roman Catholics in a nearby town, then flee to Warsaw when their protector kills himself to avoid being arrested for fraternizing

Hiding becomes a tangle of lies-their own and those of the Poles who, as long as the two have money, pretend to believe them. As life in Warsaw disintegrates, Macick and his aunt live for months with peasants, then are on the run again. Always, food must be scavenged, shelter of some kind found. Eventually the war ends. Maciek has grown taller, noticed girls, had a kind of boyhood. But he is blighted. "He became an embarrassment and slowly died," writes the author. A man who bears one of the names Maciek used has replaced him, but he "has no childhood that he can bear to remember." - By John Skow



Spooks? No, Good Cooks

America's most influential school for chefs has big plans to expand its empire

By JOHN ELSON

The menu is simple but nutritious: fillet of trout meunière, accompanied by steamed red potatoes, glazed heets and stir-fried vegetables. Sixteen students clad in double-breasted white cook's blouses take notes as chef Kathy Shepard begins her lecture at one of eight stoves in the crowded kitchen. "I want to see lots of colors on the plates," she says of the stir-fry, "Put in garlic if you want. That will be your outlet for creativity today." Then she picks up a slab of fish and shows how to ready it for the sauté pan. After the demonstration, the students will try to duplicate Shepard's movements, with a little extra incentive. The trout had better be edible: it's their dinner that night.

Taste is a severe taskmaster at the Culimany Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. The not-for-profit Culinary, or "the other C.L.A." as it is often called, in perhaps the nation's most influential trainingtitude, with an enrollment of 1,850 (23% entitude, with an enrollment of 1,850 (23% entitude, about 12% minority) and a facultyof 100, has a roster of 2,2000 alumnit that includes such celebrity cleft is a Debra Ponculos such celebrity cleft is a Debra Ponculos when the Culy Montacher trainingter and the control of the control of the Turtet Creek in Dallas.

Serious foodies can get à taste of what the Culinary offers in the fifth edition of The New Professional Chef (Van Nostrand Reinhold; \$49,99), to be published at the end of May. This massive revision of the Culinary's basic text, the first since 1974, contains nearly 700 recipes for ev-

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The Culinary began life in 1946 as a storefront training school for World War II vets



A new standard: students and instructor at work in one of the Culinary's kitchens

called the New Hawen Restaurant Instituc, with an enrollment of 16 and a staff of three, In 1972 it moved from Connecticut to its present home: a bulking, red briek former Jesuit seminary, St. Andrew's-on-be-Hudson, Pierre Teiland ed Chardin, the great theologian, is buried there. Stained-glass windows depicting scenes from the life of Christiandorn a student dining half hat was once the seminary's chapel, It also contains a fresco of the Last Supper, boarded up for stafekeepine.

Supper, obareacu up to a sarceceping. Becoming a chef involves more than just learning to slice and diee. During the 21month program leading to an associate's degree in occupational studies, students take courses in nutrition and cost control and spend weeks serving and cooking in the Culianay's four on-site public restaurants, (The presentation is stylish, the flavors subite but often underseasoned.) They must also put in 600 hours of apprenticeship off campus at a CLA-approvd restaurant.

What's New Here?



"There is only good cuisine and bad cuisine," asys the C.I.A.3 Ferdinand Metz. Good cuisine has no shortcuts, and The New Professional Chef offers none for such French basics as brown sauce and mirepois. But the latest revision of the cookbook adds flavors to dishes that the old European masters newer envisioned: saless, chill butter and lime toquila.

The C.I.A.'s Munich-born president, Ferdinand Metz, who went through the traditional European restaurant tutelage system, contends that the comprehensive C.I.A. approach is far superior. "Apprenticeship forces you through a manual experience," says Metz, who is the nation's only certified master chef with an M.B.A. "But in a European kitchen, you wouldn't learn stir-fry cooking unless someone showed you how." One of the C.I.A's 36 kitchens is devoted solely to wok cookery. Hands-on teaching is supplemented by required viewing of the C.I.A.'s made-at-home instructional tapes, which range from wine service to the slaughtering of pigs, slightly edited for gore

To keep the C.I.A. ahead of younger competitors like Rhode Island's Johnson & Wales University, Metz hopes to establish a four-year college course leading to a bachelor's degree in culinary arts. Last month he opened an office in San Francis-

co as the first step toward building a branch in California's wine country.

To Joseph Baum, managing partner of New York City's Rain-bow Room, "the C.I.A. has given us a new standard for American chefs," Graduates often have four or more job offers, and they have entrée to most of the sation's top kitchens. André Soitner, owner-chef of Manhattan's grand fuxe Lutée. has three grads who have been with him from four to ID years. "That should tell you something," he saws.

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Not for Men Only

Women rappers are breaking the mold with a message of their own

By DAVID E. THIGPEN

rom its start in the cauldron of New York City's underclass, rap music's jolting energy and angry messages have been hostile to many outsiders, but to none more so than women, In too many rap lyrics, women are cast as pliant toys or conniving Delilahs. The male rappers who weave this imageamong them Ice Cube, Ice-T, Too Short and the Geto Boys-spin exaggerated tales of salaciousness and violence, portraying themselves as potent, swashbuckling urban heroes. Since a macho image is a proven formula for success, rap producers were reluctant to sign female rappers. The music moguls were also fearful of challenging the form's rigid orthodoxies: in rap, as in heavy metal, feminine voices do not always supply the requisite loudness and abrasiveness

Then came the surprise success of the New York City female rap trio Salt-N-Pepa, whose 1986 debut album, Hot, Cool & Vicious, sold more than 1 million copies. Spurred by visions of a new way to capitalize on rap's mainstream acceptance, record labels have been hurrying to develop other promising female rappers. Now a wave of female performers is giving male rappers a run for their platinum. Says Russell Simmons, the rap impresario whose Def Jam label recently signed a sharp young rapper named Nikki D: "There are more women buying rap records who would like to relate to women as artists, and there are more guys who want to hear a woman's point of view."

The new formile rappers are executing buyant messages that transcend the inert bussing so common in male rap. Sail-N. Pepa may have found the most satisfying and successful musical formula yet. Sail and successful musical formula yet. Sail with the sail of t



MONIE LOVE I wasn't born to be cursed With hands inflicting me pain Remain a punch bag for U

Exactly what would I gain I graduated from school Although I had me a daughter Should I continue on Yep, that's what I oughts



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Not for Men Only

Women rappers are breaking the mold with a message of their own

By DAVID E. THIGPEN

om its start in the cauldron of New York City's underclass, rap music's jolting energy and angry messages have been hostile to many outsiders, but to none more so than women. In too many rap lyrics, women are cast as pliant toys or conniving Delilahs. The male rappers who weave this imageamong them Ice Cube, Ice-T, Too Short and the Geto Boys-spin exaggerated tales of salaciousness and violence, portraying themselves as potent, swashbuckling urban heroes. Since a macho image is a proven formula for success, rap producers were reluctant to sign female rappers. The music moguls were also fearful of challenging the form's rigid orthodoxies: in rap, as in heavy metal, feminine voices do not always supply the requisite loudness and abrasiveness.

Then came the surprise success of the New York City female rap trio Salt-N-Pepa, whose 1986 debut album, Hot, Cool & Vicious, sold more than I million copies. Spurred by visions of a new way to capitalize on rap's mainstream acceptance, record labels have been hurrying to develop other promising female rappers. Now a wave of female performers is giving male rappers a run for their platinum. Says Russell Simmons, the rap impresario whose Def Jam label recently signed a sharp young rapper named Nikki D: "There are more women buying rap records who would like to relate to women as artists, and there are more guys who want to hear a woman's point of view.

The new female rappers are creating buyant messages that transcend the inert bussting so common in male rap. Salte-Nepa may have found the most satisfying and successful musical formula yet. Sail (Chevi James, Peper Sandy Denton) and Spinderfolts (Dee Dee Roper), who multi-working in a Sears department store in 1985, punctuate sout-imaged R-and-B-modelies, with testing, after-laway raps about maturity, independence from men and season dependently, in 1985 Salt-N-user in the same season of the same seas



MONIE LOVE I wasn't born to be cursed With hands inflicting me

pain Remain a punch bag for U Exactly what would I gain I graduated from school

Although I had me a daughter Should I continue on Yep, that's what I oughta



QUEEN LATIFAH Who said that the ladies

couldn't make it? You must be blind If you don't believe well

If you don't believe we here listen to this rhyme

Ladies First there's no time to rehearse I'm divine and my mind expands throughout the universe



SALT-N-PEPA

Nah my heart won't dent, keep the money i lent Don't forget i pay the

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Your lovin' stunk
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did their second album, A Salt with a Deadly Pepa; Blacks Magic, their third album, has sold more than 500,000.

One of rap's more precocious stars is newcomer Monie Love (Simone Johnson). 19, a British import whose crisp diction, smart rhyming and clear, light voice have given her a hit single, It's a Shame, Love entered college in London with the intention of becoming a kindergarten teacher, but then began singing poetry she had written over tanes her cousins sent from America. Her debut album. Down to Earth, sends a message to women about trust, reconciliation and relationships-all with an ease and restraint that might not have been possible in rap just a few years ago. "I don't try to be too heavy in my messages," says Love. "Too many rappers are too serious. In a radical break with rap tradition, Love actually smiles in her album photo.

n a more politically sophisticated manner. Queen Lattini (Dana Queen) has staked out a high ground in rap. "Gueya have this macho finig shore the space," who says. "In trying to show peuple and says. "In trying to show peuple and point of view." Lattifah, an deterrilying permer who favors politiques and lange hats, delivers a spiritual message that rese above. Lattice firm set peaps about optimises and pride: "We are the ones to give bright" to the new generation of prophes."

A few rappers are giving voice to a vengeful brand of radical black feminism In a snarling, hard-core style, BWP (Bytches with Problems) bluster about date rape, male egos and police brutalityall with a fluent vulgarity. Their leather jackets and cold stares add to their image. In Comin' Back Stranned, the opener on their debut album. BWP avenge a sexual slur against them by returning with a loaded gun and dispatching the bigmouth. In We Want Money, a bottom-line guide to personal relationships, they exhort their girlfriends to take from their boyfriends all they can get: "Marry you? Don't make me laugh/ Don't you know all I want is half?" Says Lyndah McAskill, who, along with Michelle Morgan, makes up BWP: "We're not men-haters. We're just saving a lot of kids lack self-respect because guys have put them down."

But a whole new crew is coming up fisat, including No-70 "Volunda Whitaker), 19, a sharp Lus Angeleno whose Yan Cam' Haw with 45 "Po may be the most clever and forecell attack on misogony in raps of a first the care of the control of the control

History



Lost Squadron

An old Bermuda Triangle mystery may be solved

It is the stuff of legends, pulp novels and late-night retrons of the Tritlight Zone: a late-night retrons of the Tritlight Zone: a late-night retrons is streeth of the Atlantic Ocean that seems to swallow unfortunate voyagers like a space-time warp. During the past 45 years, more than 100 ships and planes have dasappeared in the triangular region—roughly bounded by Bormuda. Southern Florida and the Greater Antil-

les—often in circumstances as murky and

Last week the Bermuda Triangle lost an important bit of its mystery. A New York City-based salvage company, searching for Spanish gallenos off the Florida coast discovered the remains of five Nay torpedo bombers that took off from a bage in Fort Lauderdale on Dec. 5, 1945, and were never seen again. The planes, looking not much worse for wear, turned up in 750 ft, of water about 10 miles off for 1 Lauderd 67 for 1 and erfort for 1 the first own of the first planes for the first planes fo

mysterious as the storm-tossed sea itself.

The story of Flight 19, the so-called Lost Squadron, save moe of the contractstory and the second responsibility of the Second Squadron Story of the Bermuta Triangle myth, which was been on a slow new skip in 15. That's when an Associated Press reporter named E.W. Dones collated a report of various planes and ships lost off the Florian decision of the story was picked up and enlarged by other news services, stabilished and magazines under Services, the Story and present services in the Bermuda Triangle, as it became Known in the 1996s, was a cultural floation.

The serial numbers of the recovered aircraft have not yet been verified, but one of them carries the number 28 on its side, which was the number of the flight isader's, plane. The Navy mayyet stake a claim, but the safeage company. Scientific Search Froject, has aircady received a \$150,000 nr. for for the finds contain. If n yets for the flight contain, If n yets for the finds contain, If n yets for the finds of the property of the mention of the formula friends.

Milestones

BORN. To Tatum O'Neal, 27. Oscar-winning actress (Paper Moon), and her husband John McEnros, 32. temperamental tennis veteran: their third child, first daughter; in Los Angeles. Name: Emily Katherine. Weight; 7 lbs. 3 oz.

MARRIED. Sharon Gless, 47. Emmy-winning former co-star of CBS-TV'S Cagney & Lacey and now star of The Trials of Rosie O'Neill: and Barney Rosenxweig, 53, producer of both series: she for the first time, he for the third; in Mailbu, Calif.

ARRESTED. Joan Mannody, S4, ex-wife of Senantor Edward Kennedy; on drunkendriving charges. for the second time in three years; after police spotted her car swerving across three lanes of an expressway; in Quincy, Mass. Her blood-alcohol level was reportedly higher than the legal in the car. Konnedy who has admitted she is a recovering alcoholic, pleaded not guilty and surrendered her license.

CHARGES DISMISSED. Against Mark Ramsey, 31, and Mark Dickey, 29, former police officers in Long Beach. Calif., on trial for police brutality in the beating of Don Jackons, 33, during, a traffic sop in 1995, or. 33, during, a traffic sop in 1995, or. 34, during the policy of the

HOSPITALIZED. Molly Yard, seventyish, president of the National Organization for Women; for a stroke she suffered while working in her office; in Washington.

DIED. Shintare Abe, 67, former Japaneses Foreign Minister whose back-room clout made him a constant candidate for the prime ministership; of liver failure; in Tokyo, Known as the "Prince" of Japanese polities, Abe had to content himself with the role of kingmaker within the ruling Liberal Discountie Pari, after failing the content of the prince of the prince produced the prince of the prince of the influence-peddling seandal of 1988 relegated him to the sidelines of power.

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Essay Charles Krauthammer

Hail Columbus, Dead White Male

The 500th anniversary of 1492 is approaching. Remember 1492? "In Fourteen Hundred Ninety-Two/ Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Discovery and exploration. Bolivar and Jefferson. Liberty and democracy. The last best hope for man.

The left is not amused.

In Madrid the Association of Indian Cultures announces that it will mark the occasion with acts of "substage," In the U.S. the Columbus in Context Coalition declares that the U.S. the Columbus in Context Coalition declares that the coming event provides "progressives" with their hest political opening "since the Vietnam War," The National Council of Churches (Sec) Condemas the "discovery" as "an indicator on more conformation with legalized occupation, genecide, economic exploitation and a deep level of institutional racism and moral decadence." One of its leaders calls for "a year of re-pentance and reflection rather than awar of celebration."

For the left, the year comes just in time. The revolutions of 1989 having put a dent in the case for the degeneracy of the West, 1992 offers a welcome new point of attack. The point is the Origin. The villain is Columbus. The crime is

the discovery-the rape-of America.

The attack does, however, present the left with some rather exquisite problems of political correctness. After all, Columbus was an agent of Spain, and his most direct legacy is Hispania America. The denunciation of the Spanish legacy as one of cruelty and greed has moved one Hispanic leader to call the xCc's resolution "a racist depreciation of the heritages of most of foddy's American peoples, especially Hispanics."

That same resolution opened an even more ancient debate between Protestants and Catholics over the colonization of the Americas. For Catholics like historian James Muldoon, the (Protestant) attack on Columbus and on the subsequent missionary work of the (Catholic) church in the Americas is little more than a resurrection, a few centuries late, of the Black Legend that was a staple of anti-Catholic propaganda during the Reformation.

The crusade continues nonetheless. Kirkpatrick Sale kicked off the anticelebration with his anti-Columbus tome, The Conquest of Paradisc. The group Encounter plans to celebrate 1992 by sailing three ships full of Indians to "discover" Spain. Similar merriment is to be expected wherever a quorum gathers to honor 1492.

The attack on 1492 has two parts. First, establishing the villainy of Columbus and his progeny (i.e., us). Columbus is "the cadest whitest male now offered for our detestation," writes Garry Wills. "If any historical figure can appropriately be loaded up with all the heresies of our time—Eurocentrism,

phallocentrism, imperialism, élitism and all-bad-things-gener-

ally-sim—Columbus is the man."
Therefore, goodbye, Columbus? Balzac once suggested
that all great fortunes are founded on a crime. So to all great
ovilizations. The European conquest of the Americas, like the
conquest of other civilizations, was indeed accompanied by
great rurely. But that is to say nothing more than that the European conquest of America was, in this way, much like the
rise of Islam, the Norman conquest of Britain and the widespread American Indian tradition of raiding, depopulating
and appropriating neighboring lands.

The real question is, What eventually grew on this bloodied soil? The answer is. The great modern civilizations of the Americas—a new world of individual rights, an ever expanding circle of liberty and, twice in this century, a savior of the

world from totalitarian barbarism.

If we are to judge civilizations like individuals, they should all be hanged, because with individuals it takes but one murder to merit a hanging. But if one judges civilizations by what they have taken from and what they have given the world, a non-jaundiced observer—say, one of the millions in Central Europe and Asia whose eyes are turned with hope toward America—would surely bless the day Columbus set sail.

Thus Part I of the anti-92 crusade is calumny for Columbus and his legacy. Part II is hagiography, singing of the saintedness of the Indians in their pre-Columbian Eden, a land of virtue, empathy and ecological harmony. With Columbus, writes Sale, Europe "implanted its diseased and dangerous seeds in the soils of the continents that represented the laas best hope for humankind—and destroyed them.

Last best hope? No doubt, some Indian tribes (the Hopis, for example) were tree-hugging pacifists. But the notion that pre-Columbian America was a hemisphere of noble savages is

an adolescent fantasy (rather lushly, if ludicrously, animated in Dances with Wolves).

Take the Incas. Inca civilization, writes Peruvian novelish Mario Vargas Llosa, was a "pyramidal and theocratic society" of "totalitarian structure" in which "the individual had no importance and virtually no existence." Its foundation?" A state religion that took away the individual's free will and crowned the authority's decision with the aura of a divine mandate turned the Tawantinssyu [Incan empire] into a bechive."

True, the beehive was wantonly destroyed by "semiliterate, implacable and greedy swordsmen." But they in turn represented a culture in which "a social space of human activities had evolved that was neither legislated nor controlled by those in power." In other words, a culture of liberty that endowed the individual human being with dignity and sowereignty.

Is it Eurocentric to believe the life of liberty is superior to the life of the bechive? That belief does not justify the cruelty of the conquest. But it does allow us to say that after 500 years the Columbian legacy has created a civilization that we ought not, in all humble piety and cultural relativism, declare to be no better or worse than that of the Ineas. It turned out better.

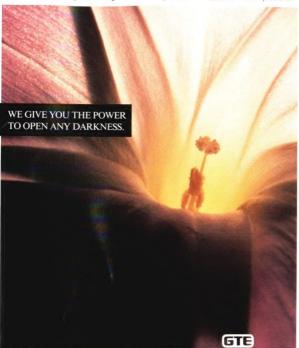
And mankind is the better for it. Infinitely better. Reason enough to honor Columbus and bless 1492.

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